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NEW FORM 26AS TO INCLUDE HIGH-VALUE TRANSACTIONS

The changes will help taxpayers know their actual tax liability, the Central Board of Direct Taxes said on Saturday

SFTs TO BE SHOWN IN REVAMPED FORM

The direct taxes board said it used to receive information like cash deposit/withdrawal, sale/purchase of immovable property, purchase of shares, etc from "specified persons" like banks and registrars. Now, all such information under different Statement of Financial Transaction (SFT) will be shown in Part E of the new Form 26AS

CHANGES TO DISCOURAGE CONCEALMENT

- The new form will have SFTs in various categories to help taxpayers recall all their major financial transactions
- "This would help the honest taxpayers with updated financial transactions, whereas it will desist those who inadvertently conceal financial transactions while filing returns," CBDT said

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I have also heard same reasons and more. But now is not the time to discuss them. We (BBMP officials and team) did what was required at that moment to control the crises. Quick decisions needed to be taken

B H Anil Kumar, outgoing BBMP commissioner

For me to continue from where the previous commissioner left should not be difficult. My top priority is to bring down the death rate. I am ready to have sleepless nights once again

N Manjunatha Prasad, new BBMP commissioner

GOVT MOVES OUT B'LURU CIVIC BODY CHIEF, BRINGS IN OLD HAND

Development comes in the midst of city's grim battle against Covid-19

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN a sudden turn of events, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner B H Anil Kumar was transferred on Saturday morning. The move came as a surprise to many as he was shunted out in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis in the city.

Another IAS officer, N Manjunatha Prasad, who had handed over charge to Anil Kumar on August 28 last year, was posted back as the Palike chief with immediate effect.

Anil Kumar's transfer came a day after he and Mayor M Goutham Kumar said that the lockdown should be extended till the month-end. While citizens, opposition leaders, BBMP, health department and many government officials on Covid-19 duty had seconded the opinion, it had not gone down well with the government. "He had sought more time to make preparations, but the government saw it is as a failure. Officers are forced to toe the government line or face the same fate, even when the politicians are wrong," a senior IAS officer told *The New Sunday Express*, seeking anonymity.

Kumar was Additional Chief Secretary to the Urban Development Department before he took charge as BBMP Commissioner. He has now been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Public Enterprise, in place of V Rashmi, who has been posted as Secretary to the Kannada and Culture Department.

Manjunatha Prasad, who was Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, will continue to hold concurrent charge along with Disaster Management, Bhoomi and UPOR. P5

INTERVIEWS: P4

Pvt med colleges to reserve 50% beds for Covid patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

PRIVATE medical college hospitals in Bengaluru have agreed to reserve 50 per cent beds for treating Covid-19 patients from Sunday after their meeting with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Saturday. With this, the government will have an additional 5,200 beds available for treating symptomatic Covid-19 patients, while asymptomatic ones will have the option of home isolation or being sent to Covid Care Centres (CCC). Nodal officers have been appointed to monitor the availability of beds in the medical college hospitals.

"We have sufficient number of beds in the CCCs, but we required beds in hospitals for treating symptomatic patients. Now, they have agreed to give 50 per cent beds and some have even offered 100 per cent beds in their hospitals," Revenue Minister R Ashoka told *TNSE* after the CM's meeting with representatives of college managements. P5

Rebel Cong MLAs on the move, cops in hot pursuit

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

THE political drama in Rajasthan took another turn on Saturday with the Anti-Corruption Bureau lodging an FIR in connection with two audio clips hinting at a conspiracy to topple the Ashok Gehlot government. The BJP filed a police complaint against three Congress leaders, including Randeep Surjewala and Govind Singh Dotasra, for allegedly defaming Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in connection with the audio tapes.

Earlier, the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Rajasthan Police had lodged two FIRs and arrested businessman Sanjay Jain on Friday.

Meanwhile, an SOG team that travelled to Manesar in Haryana, where 19 MLAs of the Sachin Pilot camp were staying at a resort but moved out before the sleuths could enter the premises, is staying back in the NCR to trace the rebels.

Though there was some buzz that the rebels could have headed to Bengaluru, sources ruled it out citing the Covid situation.

According to sources, the SOG wanted to record the voice sample of MLA Bhanwar Lal Sharma, who was allegedly heard in one of the tapes discussing bribe to topple the Gehlot-led government.

On Friday, the SOG team was stopped for almost an hour before being allowed inside by the Haryana Police, and now the Rajasthan police says the Haryana cops in the BJP-ruled state did not cooperate fully and allowed the MLAs to slip away.

According to sources, a few members of the SOG team moved to Delhi to question Union Minister Shekhawat after the requisite permission.

The BJP demanded a CBI enquiry into the audio tapes. "Is phone tapping not a legal issue? Were the standard procedures followed for phone tapping? The CM should answer if the state machinery was misused and if there is a veiled emergency in the state," said BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra.

Meanwhile, Gehlot met Governor Kalraj Mishra on Saturday evening. P7

All eyes on SC collegium as judge retires

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WITH Justice **R Banumathi** set to retire on July 19, the number of women judges in the Supreme Court will come down to two, and the overall judge strength to 31.

Keeping this in mind, the SC Collegium is planning to recommend two names for elevation to fill the existing vacancies in the apex court. Sources said a meeting of the Collegium is likely to be convened soon.

One of the names doing the rounds is that of Karnataka High Court judge B V Nagarathna. If she is elevated to the top court now, she will be in line to become the first woman Chief Justice of India in 2027 for a period of eight months.

However, if Justice Nagarathna doesn't get elevated—which comes with a three-year extension—she will retire in October 2024. Her father Justice E S Venkataramiah was the CJI from June to December in 1989. P8

K'TAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

4,537	59,652	21,775	1,240
TEST +VE ON SATURDAY	POSITIVE CASES SO FAR	TOTAL RECOVERIES	DEATHS SO FAR

Mysuru now 3rd in K'taka in Covid deaths, with fatality rate nearly double the state average

A two-month-old baby was among four who died of the virus in Dakshina Kannada district

REPORTS: P4

STAFF POSITIVE

TTD mulls closing Tirumala temple

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THE Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) is expected to take a call in the next few days on whether to close the Srivari temple to devotees or further restrict their entry after 140 TTD employees, including 14 priests, tested positive for Covid-19.

The Tirumala temple has been providing Srivari darshan to 12,000 devotees every day since it reopened on June 11.

In recent days, agama advisor of the devasthanam AV Ramana Dikshitulu and others have called on the TTD to close the shrine to devotees for a few weeks to protect the priests.

TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy was to meet officials on Saturday evening to decide on the future course of action. However, sources said the meeting did not take place, and it was understood that Reddy spoke to TTD executive officer Anil Kumar Singhal. A final decision, the sources said, may be taken after consultation with Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Subba Reddy was not available for comment when *The New Sunday Express* tried to reach him.

Agency reports quoting the TTD chairman said the senior pontiff of Shree Pedda Jeeyar Swamy Mutt had tested positive for coronavirus. His condition is stable.

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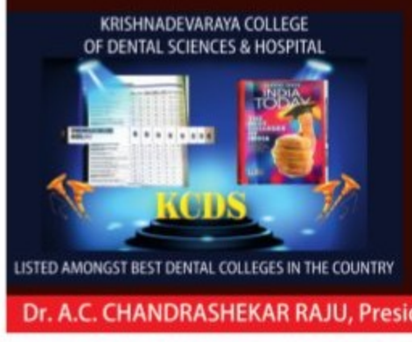

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THE BUZZ IN KODAGU

Traditional beekeepers are busy bottling the flavours of Western Ghats

PRAJNA G R @Madikeri

THE buzz fills the air in the north-eastern villages of Somwarpet during the spring season. Apis Cerana bees, known as the honey bees of Coorg, go around merrily collecting nectar from colourful indigenous flowers lining the Western Ghats. The sweet nectar is bottled – to produce one of the purest forms of honey in the nation -- 'Kala Thein'.

Massive bee hives on tree trunks and building tops always fill the beholders with a sense of fear. But to the bee keepers, honey bees are their comrades. The villagers nurture and look after the bees and in return, these insects provide them with a lifeline. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the traditional beekeepers of seven villages – Kumbara Gadige, Mutlu, Kikkaralli, Hammiyala, Hacchinadu, Surlabbi and Mankya – are preserving the Western Ghats by indulging in traditional beekeeping.

Pattu Cariappa, a resident of Hammiyala village, briskly walks up to his estate and points at an earthen pot covered with fresh leaves. He then lifts the pot, which is placed upside down, and shows the bee hive where the bees are going about busily. He inserts a finger into the hive and slowly guides the bee onto one side to reveal the honey-filled comb. Ask him if he is not scared to do so, he smilingly replies, "These bees are well-acquainted with me. I won't harm them and they don't harm me."

"I learnt the art of beekeeping by watching my elders. The best time to start is in December. First, we smear the heated pot, which has three to four tiny holes, with bee wax. We carry this pot into the forest and place it on a steady area. Since we know our forests well, we also know where the bees are likely to build a hive and we keep the pot in a suitable place. Once this is done, we frequently visit the spot to check if the bees have arrived. Once the bees settle into the pot, we bring the pot close to our house. We shift the pot only during evening hours – when all the bees have settled in the hive after collecting nectar," explains Pattu.

While the beekeeping starts sometime in December, the honey is extracted and harvested only after a year and half – in June.

In traditional beekeeping, the harvest method does not use smoke or other harmful gas to chase them away. Instead, the beekeepers slowly move the honeybees to one side and take out the comb. The honey is then extracted from the comb. "I do not use bare hands to squeeze out the honey as it is unhygienic. Instead, I use a clean white cloth to extract honey from the comb, which is then bottled to produce one of the purest forms of honey," he adds.

"Some people think that pure honey does not turn sugary. But it does and settles at the bottom of the bottle. Pure honey has very less moisture content," he says.

How does one know if the honey is pure? Pattu's wife Nethravathi explains, "If the hive is built inside the cavity of a tree, one can smell the tree bark in the extracted honey. Similarly, any form of adulteration can be found out easily through the smell. Wild honey, which uses harmful methods of extraction, is watery."

The seven villages have a good economy. While the traditional beekeepers have been harvesting honey since ages, it is only recently that they have found a sustainable earning. "Earlier, we used to sell it on the streets across the district and did not earn much from it," recalls Pattu.

However, they have now found a platform for their business through the initiative of 'AinMane' of Thammu Poovaiah. A popular café based in Madikeri, AinMane, is sourcing honey from these traditional beekeepers. "The 'AinMane' management is promoting the traditional form of honey and providing us with a sustainable lifestyle," says Nethravathi.

Pattu Cariappa and his wife Nethravathi

This traditional form of honey extraction is still followed in the seven villages because of poverty. These villages receive incessant rainfall during monsoon and no form of farming is profitable as the top soil is washed off. Hence, the traditional form of beekeeping, which is eco-friendly, is still practised

Thammu Poovaiah, proprietor of AinMane Café

Walls are the canvas for this daily-wage earner

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

A picture says a thousand words, and in this case so does its artist! With dedication and love for the paintbrush, this 66-year-old daily-wage earner from Naregal in Gadag district has been transforming walls at many temples, mutts, other religious institutions and schools with myriad tales of Hindu Gods and India's heroes of yore.

Through the forty years of toiling in the fields and the markets, Dawalsab Rawat has honed his skills as an artist, in an effort to educate people, especially the young ones, about the country's rich heritage.

Starting young, initially Dawalsab's paintings were mostly of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Bhagat Singh, among other luminaries from India's freedom movement, before he got inclined to relate stories about the Ramayana. Most of his early works are not available now as many temples and schools have repainted their walls. But some other paintings on the epics and Gods can still be seen on the walls of Kodikoppa's Huchchirappa Mutt, Gadag's Veereshwar Punyashram, Naregal's Old Bazaar Hanuman Temple and police station, Teggi-nakere Anjaneya Temple and Totaganti village's Mallayyajja temple, in the region. Also, several other schools and temples at Kotumachagi, Yelaburga, Halakere, Hosalli, Menasagi, Asuti, Jigalur, Karamudi, and Belavaniki have also played host to this work. Meanwhile, he has also brought to life old traditional practices such as Kadabad sogu, Muharram and the bhajans of North Karnataka.

Dawalsab has afforded this remarkable talent through sheer passion. Busy at work most of the time, he used to paint during weekends, spending money from his own pocket for paints and brushes. Sometimes, he also skipped his daily earnings to complete his artwork.

Throughout his 'illustrious' life, Dawalsab has enjoyed the support of his wife, Hasanabi, and two children – son Peersab and daughter Imambi.

"I am very happy about my husband's passion. He starts painting whenever he is free. Even as he painted when we were struggling hard to earn money, we have always supported him and never disturbed or stopped him. Some people offer money for big paintings, but many a times, he has to spend from his own pocket," Hasanabi says.

A scene from the Ramayana painted by Dawalsab Rawat in Naregal

After 20 years of work, Dawalsab started gaining recognition, but never sought any felicitations or awards. He gently declined honours from the local administration , saying that he paints for self-satisfaction.

Inspiration at home

It all began when Dawalsab was in the 9th standard. Famous painter B K Satya's works in monthly magazines impressed him, and he started painting his own house wall. To his surprise, a painting of Rama and Sita during Vanavasa came out really well. He then embarked on painting temple walls. Today, Dawalsab paints for 10 hours continuously, reliving scenes from the Ramayana.

In the early 1980s, I wanted to tell people to live in harmony. Though being a Muslim, I started painting the pictures of Hindu Gods, which came out so well that people began appreciating me

Dawalsab Rawat

"I have worked in many places as a daily-wage worker. Amid poverty, my passion for painting has not stopped. It gives me immense pleasure and I started painting to educate our children about our grand history. Ramayana has many messages – Hanuman's devotion, Rama's attitude towards life, Sita's love for Rama, Lakshmana as a loyal brother. Children should understand this," Dawalsab says.

Another aspect that has bound Dawalsab to his passion is a resolve to spread communal harmony. He says: "In the early 1980s, I wanted to tell people to live in harmony. Though being a Muslim, I started painting the pictures of Hindu Gods, which came out so well that people began appreciating me. I have also depicted Muharram on school walls, telling children that we are all equal. Allah Ishwar ek hai!"

Naregal-based writer and teacher Chandrakant R says, "Dawalasab's work is amazing. It is our duty to recognise such painters, as modernisation has hit all aspects of life today. But artists like Dawalasab continue to tell stories through their paintings to educate children."

KEEPING IT SAFE

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SOON, you will be able to view any Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) site you plan to purchase sitting at home. The e-mapping technology incorporated in its website has ensured that BDA sites that will be auctioned in future are geo-tagged, said an official release.

"As they are geo-tagged, the sites that are up for auction can be accessed by the public by clicking on the site number they are interested in buying. The sites will be visible to the public on Google Maps with details like the layout and the dimensions," the release said. The technology will make its debut for the batch of 308 sites which are to be e-auctioned on Monday.

Due to the ongoing lockdown, many potential buyers are finding it extremely difficult to assess these sites on the spot before buying any property, the release added.

The geo-tagged site list is published on the BDA website and people in any part of the world can access the info, the release said, adding that the BDA plans to adopt this system henceforth.

City yet to be cleared of 1,254 blackspots

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is going the whole hog to ensure that the city is garbage free, at least visibly.

While many solid waste management workers have been deployed on Covid-19 duty, the rest are being pressed to clear garbage blackspots across the city. The BBMP has identified 1,779 black spots and claims to have cleared 525 so far.

BBMP Special Commissioner, Solid Waste Management, Randeep D told *The New Sunday Express* that the priority is cleaning blackspots that had been there for a long time, while the new, temporary ones too are being cleared on a daily basis. He said ensuring that the city is garbage free and clean is also one of the contributing factors to control the pandemic.

Marshals and garbage collectors, deployed to clear garbage piles and penalise offenders, said that people are not garbage-conscious anymore. "Earlier, they displayed some awareness and responsibility and threw garbage at designated places, but now, no solid waste management norms are being followed. Taking advantage of the lockdown, they are throwing garbage everywhere," said a marshal on the ground.

Garbage collectors said that apart from picking up garbage from homes, they have the additional responsibility of clearing blackspots wherever they see, irrespective of the jurisdiction. But the blackspots reappear soon after they are cleared, they lamented.

ZONE	TOTAL BLACKSPOTS	CLEARED UNDER LOCKDOWN-1	CLEARED UNDER UNLOCK	TOTAL CLEARED	REMAINING BLACKSPOTS
East	379	13	37	50	329
West	418	47	39	86	322
South	238	17	13	30	208
Mahadevapura	260	83	87	170	90
RR Nagar	141	22	27	49	92
Yelahanka	129	44	30	74	55
Dasarahalli	59	21	16	37	22
Bommanahalli	155	24	5	29	126
Total	1,779	271	254	525	1,254

RWAs told to fill forms on setting up CCCs

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH the number of Covid-19 cases increasing in the city, the BBMP has released a set of forms which resident welfare associations (RWAs) have to fill up and start work on setting up Covid Care Centres (CCCs) in their localities.

Earlier this week, during a meeting with the BBMP and the Health and Family Welfare commissioners, the RWAs were told to identify suitable spaces at the community-level to create mini community-based CCCs. However, the response has been poor so far and only the residents of Bommasandra came forward with a proposal to set up a centre.

"To ensure that the process is hassle-free, we explained to the RWAs about the SOPs at the last meeting. Their involvement is vital now to handle asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic patients," outgoing commissioner B H Anil Kumar told *TNSE*.

The RWAs and apartment complexes have been told to identify places like community halls, choultries, vacant apartments and even create some in the neighbourhood, if need be. The health and BBMP commissioners had said that citizens must involve the concerned agencies while creating such spaces and seek their approval before housing any patients.

Some of the information they need to mention in the forms includes area in square feet, number of beds and number of toilets among others.

GREEN DREAM

A Miyawaki forest takes root on Banaswadi railway station premises

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE heart of the city has just got some much-needed lung space: a Miyawaki inside the premises of Banaswadi railway station. This makes it the third such unit in the Bengaluru Railway Division to adopt this unique Japanese style of forestry.

A total of 2,300 saplings were planted from July 5 to July 13 here, said a senior railway official. "There was no expenditure incurred by the Railways as an NGO 'Say Trees' planted them all. The group which is passionate about spreading greenery in the country arranged funds," the official said.

Apart from the health benefits such a huge number of trees would bring about to those around, it would be aesthetically appealing once the saplings grow and take on the contours of a mini forest, he added. "This kind of greenery is much needed in the heart of Bengaluru which has been choked by pollution," he felt.

The NGO would maintain the trees for a few years as the initial years are extremely important, he said.

Explaining the concept behind Miyawaki, a source said, "This is a very simple idea of raising different species of trees together in a small area. Trees raised in such proximity grow ten times faster and are 30 times denser than those planted in the regular fashion." There is hardly any distance between them and they draw their food for growth from the same source below.

The Diesel Loco Shed at Krishnarajapuram embraced this eco-friendly concept in 2017 while the Disaster Management Railway Institute at Hejjala adopted it in 2019, he added.

Named after a famous 91-year-old living Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, the concept has caught the fancy of the environmentally conscious section in India in the last five years.

Former MLA K B Prasanna Kumar demanded the resignation of district minister and sitting MLA of Shivamogga city K S Eshwarappa, saying that he failed to manage the administration

'SYLLABUS HAS BEEN REDUCED SCIENTIFICALLY'

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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SUNDAY INTERVIEW

TACKLING the pandemic is crucial for all of us now, says S Suresh Kumar, Primary and Secondary Education Minister. In an interview with *The New Sunday Express*, he says he doesn't know when the new academic year will begin, though they are ready with plans, including syllabus reduction, and that there will be no delay in SSLC evaluation.

■ When is the new academic year likely to begin?
This is anybody's guess. We are ready with strong pedagogical measures so no student is devoid of education even during these pandemic times. The reduction in syllabus has been scientifically done, distance learning plans are meticulously designed, and teachers will don a new role as mentors. I am sure our children will not feel deprived of their learning once these plans are in place.

■ Why is the II PU exam pass percentage still stagnating in the 60s?
Historically, the II PU results hover around this percentage. Tougher examination procedures are required as II PU is a turning point in a student's life. This year, in spite of Covid, we could achieve a slightly better result compared to recent years. I have asked the officers to ensure a better learning environment in colleges. We are working out an action plan.

Q&A
S SURESH KUMAR

■ This year, 88 colleges had zero pass percentage. Aided and government colleges fared badly, while private ones improved their tally.
Of these 88 PU colleges, 78 are unaided, indicating clearly that managements need to plan strategies to improve results. But this number is still negligible. However, strategies are being planned to bridge the gap.

■ The gap between SC/ST and general students remains...
The State is doing its best to improve the results...special coaching classes in English called Vishwasa Kirana are regularly being conducted. Principals and lecturers have put in a lot of effort to motivate the students. However, we will take up a comparative micro study to find out the underlying reasons.

■ Is the lockdown likely to affect SSLC evaluation deadline?
There is a 75-80% attendance of teachers in all evaluation centres across the State, except Bengaluru City and Rural, as lockdown has affected these parts. Our teachers have shown the much-needed guts keeping the interest of students as the top priority. The environment at evaluation centres is the best in terms of security and safety. I have visited Mandya, Chamarajanagar and many other district evaluation centres and the mood all around is upbeat. There will not be any inordinate delay, we are hopeful of announcing the results by this month end.

■ Screen time for online classes was recommended by the expert committee. What has the State decided?
The expert committee has submitted its report. The High Court has observed that online education too is the right of the child. The Union Government has released a set of guidelines allowing some screen time. Consultations are on.

■ You said you would to talk to the higher education minister to create a level playing field between State Board, and CBSE-ICSE students to ensure equal opportunities in higher education. What is the consensus?
The department is looking into the pros and cons of having a CBSE and ICSE-like grading system for our students. The existing system of two-language and four-core subjects is more advantageous to students while choosing non-professional courses. We will initiate discussions on suitable platforms.

■ What is causing the steep increase in the number of positive cases in Bengaluru?
Better testing mechanisms and the universal trend of this pandemic is resulting in the current spike. It must reach its peak and then subside. The government is doing its best for the better management of the pandemic. People have a larger responsibility in containing it through their altered lifestyles

FAKER ALERT

'Drone Prathap' flouts quarantine, gets booked

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THALAGHATTAPURA police on Saturday booked Prathap N M, alias 'Drone Prathap', under the Disaster Management Act for violating quarantine norms, based on a complaint filed by Dr Prayag H S. Prathap, who recently returned from abroad, appeared on a news channel for an interview with a "home quarantine" stamp on his hand.

"He claimed on camera that he had violated quarantine norms for the interview. Based on his own statement, BBMP officers approached us and filed the case. He took his friend's car to reach the news channel's office and then returned to his apartment in Thalaghattapura," police said.

Prathap claimed to have built 600 drones using e-waste and showed certificates which he supposedly received at various international events. However, organisers of those events have denied any association with him.

Explain Covid buys: Cong to CM

Opposition should help people, not do politics now, govt says

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THE opposition Congress on Saturday urged Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to respond to alleged irregularities in medical equipment purchases.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar charged that there has been misappropriation in the purchase of PPE, ventilators and other equipment by the Health Department. He said Tamil Nadu purchased ventilators at Rs 4.78 lakh per piece, while Karnataka paid Rs 18.20 lakh.

Government sources said the accusation that the Karnataka Drugs Logistics and Warehousing Society bought 200 ICU ventilators at Rs 18.2 lakh per piece is baseless and it is wrong to compare it with transport ventilators procured by Tamil Nadu.

"The cost of a ventilator depends on specifications. Through KSDLWS, the Health Department ordered 130 ventilators from Skanray Technologies at Rs 5,60,000 each on March 22 when no other manufacturer came forward. The firm has supplied 80 machines so far. The department placed a request with the central government for 2,149 ventilators. The Centre has sanctioned 1,600 and supplied 640. The remainder will follow," a source said.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said, "All details related to the procurement are there for everyone to scrutinise. They can also ask for it during the Assembly session. I request Congress leaders to come out and help people instead of indulging in politics."

Opposition leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah had earlier launched a social media campaign demanding the government provide details of medical equipment purchases. Shivakumar said the party will take the campaign across the state.

EXPRESS READ

Probe into irregularities in MLC poll voters' list

Bengaluru: The Regional Commissioner of Bengaluru Division has ordered a departmental inquiry against eight officials for including ineligible members to the voters' list for the Legislative Council polls to the Bengaluru Teachers Constituency. The Regional Commissioner has written to the DCs of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural and Ramangara districts, to conduct an inquiry and submit a report.ENS

KSPCB chief's plea on resignation dismissed

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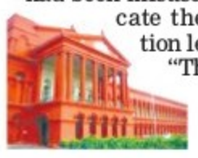
THE Karnataka High Court dismissed a petition filed by Dr M Sudheendra Rao, Chairman of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), questioning the authenticity of the resignation letter allegedly submitted by him and its acceptance by the State government. Justice Krishna S Dixit on Friday dismissed Rao's petition saying it was devoid of merit.



Rao questioned the State government's notification dated May 2, 2020, terminating his appointment after he sent a resignation letter to the Chief Minister. He was appointed KSPCB Chairman on December 30, 2019.

His counsel argued that papers containing his signature had been misused to fabricate the resignation letter.

"The government wrongly treated it as resignation," Rao's counsel argued.

Additional Advocate General Dhyan Chinnappa said police had found no evidence of forgery and filed a 'B' Report. Opposing Rao's petition, KSPCB counsel argued that the resignation letter was addressed to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, and was therefore acceptable under Section 5(4) of the Act, as the CM is the Chief Executive of the government. Resignation letter sent to him, was sent to the state government.

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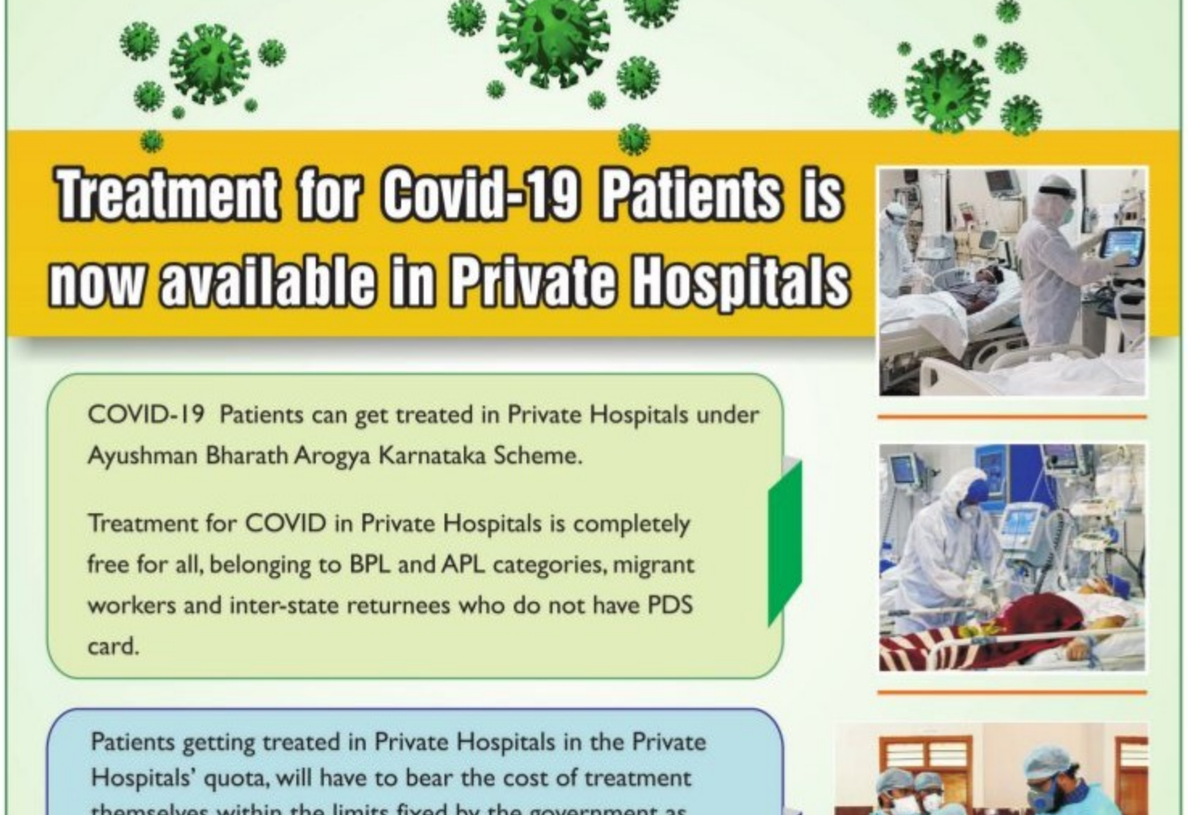

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Treatment for Covid-19 Patients is now available in Private Hospitals

COVID-19 Patients can get treated in Private Hospitals under Ayushman Bharath Arogya Karnataka Scheme.

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Hon'ble Minister, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services
Shri B. Sriramulu
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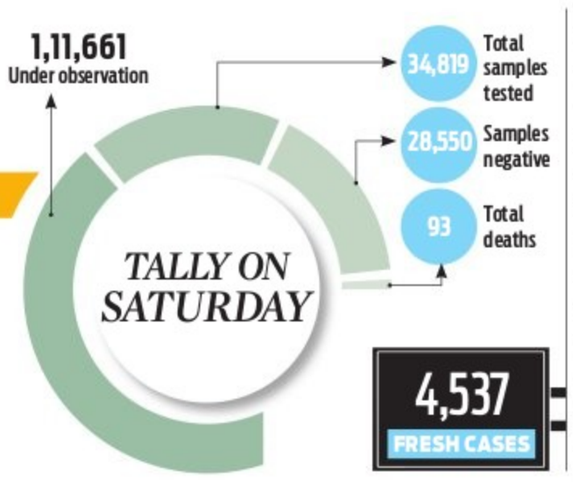
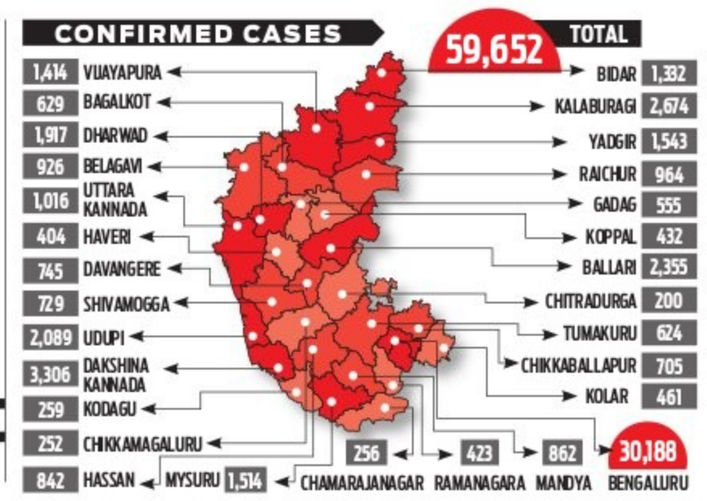




THE BATON TO FIGHT COVID PASSES ON TO TRUSTED MAN

'There should be zero Covid deaths in Bengaluru'

On an eventful day, new BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad and outgoing officer BH Anil Kumar speak to **Bosky Khanna**

IN a first, **N Manjunath Prasad** took charge as the BBMP commissioner for the fourth time on Saturday. He says his aim is to ensure zero Covid deaths in the city and is prepared for sleepless nights. He was first appointed from April 25, 2016 to May 3, 2018, then June 26, 2018 till July 4, 2019 and again from July 15, 2019 to August 28, 2019.

How do you see your posting as commissioner again?
I consider myself lucky and also look at it as a challenge. Since I have a good rapport with elected representatives and citizens, it should not be difficult to continue from where the earlier commissioner left off. I am ready to once again have sleepless nights during this time of crisis. In fact, I was getting used to working in the revenue department and was happy with the changes made, like the land reforms amendment act. We were also recommending to the government on how to generate more revenues. But now with this new posting, there is no time to rest.

What is on top of your to-do list?
Bringing down the death rate tops my list. There should be zero Covid19 deaths in the city. For this, it is important to ensure there is rapid testing, quick test results and immediate shifting of patients to hospitals or Covid Care Centres. There is a need to take up more testing aggressively and to have a quick database of all ILI, SARI and comorbid people. The BBMP surveillance system will also need to be strengthened.

Do you think you can achieve what your predecessor couldn't?
The government alone cannot handle this. Citizen involvement is vital.

Corruption is the biggest allegation against BBMP.
There is corruption and bringing in transparency has been a challenge. Many reforms were proposed and I had even started putting all expenses in the public domain and justifying all urgent expenses. I tell officials they should spend money like it is their own and not to waste it.

Q&A

> Confidence needs to be instilled in citizens that if you are young with good immunity, mild symptoms and asymptomatic you needn't be admitted to hospitals. You will occupy a bed, depriving the needy
>
> N Manjunath Prasad, BBMP Commissioner

'We did what was required at that moment'

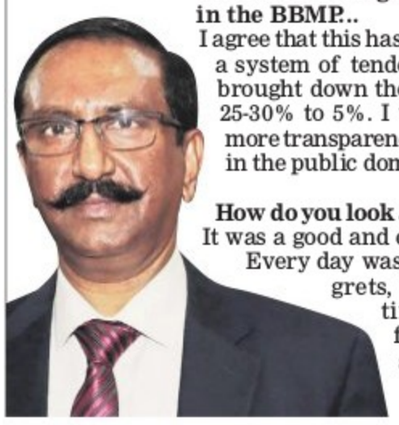
THE BBMP commissioner's post has been tossed between two officers over the last three years. On Saturday, Additional Chief Secretary **B H Anil Kumar** was again replaced with Principal Secretary N Manjunath Prasad. On the last day of his duty, Kumar says that he did not regret his work or action, but only hoped he had more time to improve the city. He was first posted as BBMP commissioner from July 4, 2019 to July 15, 2019 and again from August 28, 2019 till date.

There has been speculation over why you were transferred. It includes you saying lockdown should be extended, High Court questioning facilities provided in containment zones and the recent renting of beds and utilities at CCCs...
It is the decision of the government. I have also heard same reasons and more. But now is not the time to discuss them. We (BBMP officials and team) did what was required at that moment to control the crises. Quick decisions needed to be taken.

What did you want to do on the Covid19 front and the newly appointed commissioner must address immediately?
There is a need for rapid and better testing in slums and congested areas. Isolation centres should be looked into and people must be shifted in time. Decentralising the process of attending to Covid19 patients should be speeded up by setting up CCCs at community and ward levels.

There are allegations of corruption in the BBMP...
I agree that this has been a problem. I put in a system of tender evaluation and even brought down the tender premium from 25-30% to 5%. I was trying to bring in more transparency by putting everything in the public domain.

How do you look at your stint in BBMP?
It was a good and challenging experience. Every day was different. I have no regrets, but if only I had more time. I will take a break for a few days and then start my new assignment.



> I wanted to create the vision document for 2050. We were in the process, but it took the backseat because of Covid. I wanted to improve the solid waste management system
>
> BH Anil Kumar, Outgoing BBMP Commissioner

A woman gives her nasal swab at a fever clinic on JC Road | MEGHANA SASTRY

Just 2 nurses for 112 patients at KC General Hospital

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

"WE have just 2 nurses for 112 patients while the government rules say there should be one nurse for every 10 patients. Sir, is it humanly possible to take care of so many patients?"

Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar, who was on a surprise visit to the KC General Hospital late Friday night, got a bigger surprise when a doctor put this poser to him highlighting the plight of the nurses at the hospital. KC General Hospital is one of the designated government hospitals for Covid-19 patients in Bengaluru.

The minister, who saw the hospital's lack of preparedness to fight the virus, took the administration to task.

This is the situation in many Covid hospitals across the State, says the nurses association. According to the Karnataka State Trained Nurses Association, at least 200 nurses have contracted the virus and three of them died due to Covid-19.

"Don't the administration and the government understand the role of nurses or have they turned a blind eye towards our problems?" asked a nurse from CV Raman General Hospital.

The nurses say they are at a greater risk of contracting the virus as they come in direct contact with the patients and for longer hours. "We have to wear those heavy PPEs for hours together and continuously manage the patients," said a nurse from KC General Hospital.

She alleged that the hospital had not even categorised the Covid and non-Covid wards properly. "In our hospital, of the healthcare workers who have tested positive, majority of them are from non-Covid wards. We are continuously pressurised and our lives are put at risk," she said.

Despite performing their duties amid various challenges like shortage of staff and compromised PPEs, they say their salary is low and they are not given any incentives.

"In addition to the physical exhaustion, we also have mental stress. We are professional nurses, but we are also humans. Like everyone, we too feel helpless, get anxious for our families and fear death. Our seniors motivate us. But how long will their words have a calming effect on us?" asked a junior nurse.

Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar recently said that he had already started appointing nurses through walk-in interviews on contract basis for six months. "This will reduce the pressure of not having enough staff. Even superintendents of the hospitals have been permitted to do walk-in interviews," he said.

Nurses plan protest to demand hike in stipend

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

UPSET that their demands, including an increase in stipend, have not been met, nurses, who are on the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19, plan to protest by wearing black bands/badges from next week.

The nurses, who are working under the Medical Education Department, alleged that Minister Dr K Sudhakar had recently increased stipends for resident doctors, surgeons and even postgraduate students, but it wasn't done for nurses though the Bangalore Medical College Research Institute(BMCRI) Nurses Association had been raising the demand for some time now.

A senior nurse from BMCRI said, "We had asked for an increase in stipend last month, but it hasn't happened so far. Many nurses have tested positive. All of us are at a high risk, but we are not getting paid well. We need a 50 pc hike in our salaries. We will wear black badges or bands and stage a protest. We wouldn't stop working, but we will continue the protest till our demands are met."

The nurses also pointed out that they have no social security scheme. "If anything happens to us while on duty, our families don't get any benefits. We are also asking for cashless treatment, wherein private hospitals treat us and the government directly pays. Right now, we have to pay up and later claim refund, which takes six months to a year," said a nurse.

They also claimed that they are not covered by the Karnataka Government Insurance Department whereas nurses under the Health Department are covered. "This apart, we want the New Pension Scheme to benefit us too," said another nurse. Their other demands include a one-month paid holiday and incentives.

COVID WATCH

10 MOBILE ICUs AT KC GENERAL

Bengaluru: Mobile modular container ICUs will now be used for Covid patients. DyCM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan inspected the ICUs, which have been organised by Rinac India Limited. The DyCM said 10 modular ICUs will be deployed at KC General Hospital. Each container will have five beds. Health officials and patients will have separate entries. ICUs will have cameras so that online monitoring can be done via a centralised station, thereby limiting the exposure of the health workers. ENS

TRAINING FOR HEALTH WORKERS

Bengaluru: The state government held an online reorientation training programme for staffers of Dedicated Covid Hospitals (DCHs) and Dedicated Covid Health Centres (DCHCs) across the state on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at healthcare facilities. With rising cases among health workers, the state will also introduce a monitoring tool to help staffers assess IPC measures at their hospitals, and make changes accordingly. ENS

1K cases missing, official says removed duplicates

Police officers and BBMP marshals stand vigil in Malleswaram to enforce the lockdown in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHRIRAM BN

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MORE than 1,000 cases were missing from the state media bulletin on Saturday even as the authorities maintained that Karnataka recorded 4,537 positive cases and 93 deaths for the day.

In Vijayapura district, a patient was reported with the Covid code P56075 and the next was supposed to be P56076. But it jumps to P56086, which means 10 patients are missing in between. There have been many such instances from other districts too. If all the missing numbers are added, the count would well go beyond 5,000.

However, Dr Kantinath Ainapure of the state surveillance unit said, "Initially, we were adding cases manually. But from July 8, we have been porting data from the ICMR portal. During the process, a lot of duplicate cases were placed in our database. The system generated P codes automatically for these cases. The gaps in today's bulletin are because we have taken out the duplicates."

As per the state bulletin, the total tally stood at 59,652 positive cases. Bengaluru Urban reported 2,125 cases, and 49 deaths. The discharges stood at 1,018, taking the total to 21,775.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "The schools will remain closed as both the Centre and state government are committed to ensure children's safety. We have got cases of young children less than 10 years being infected with Covid."

The state has conducted 9,315 rapid antigen tests over the last two days. The total number of RTPCR tests performed stood at 24,909, CBNAAT tests at 110 and TrueNat tests at 485. "The state has 85 labs and 25 more will be added. We have conducted over 9 lakh tests," said Dr Sudhakar.

A team of 16 doctors from the Health and Family Welfare Department will check if private hospitals have reserved beds for government-referred Covid patients as promised. The team will hold meetings with the hospitals on denying treatment to patients and will initiate action to shut down outpatient wards of such hospitals, said Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akhtar.

Mys fatality rate higher than state's

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

MYSURU, which had managed to flatten its curve and had a zero mortality rate, is now seeing a surge in cases again. The district now has the third highest death toll in the state.

Mysuru has so far reported 59 deaths, with a fatality rate of 4 per cent - almost double of the state average of 2.1 per cent. What's more worrying is that the recovery rate has dropped to 39 per cent with 800 cases reported in the past week. In the district-wise average compounded daily growth rate in the last five days, Mysuru stands in the second spot with a growth rate of 11.4 per cent, while the state growth rate is 7.2 per cent. Health officials said that of the total 880 cases, more than 350 patients are in the above-50 years age group.

PITIFUL CONDITIONS

PATIENTS' COVID WARD WOES GO VIRAL

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

THE alleged pathetic conditions at Covid wards in the government hospitals has pushed several patients to the edge. They are desperate to get out of the wards as soon as possible.

Many messages and videos exposing the plight of patients and the sad state of affairs at the designated hospitals have gone viral.

A day after a 65-year-old patient died writhing in pain on the floor of a Covid ward at the Belgaum Institute of Mecical Sciences (BIMS), social networking sites are flooded with requests from patients to help them come out of the hospital and take them back home.

The patient had been allegedly asked to arrange for his own "attendee'' at the Covid ward. The patient was admitted to BIMS last Thursday and his wife (who was not a Covid-19 patient) doubled as an attendee until he succumbed a week later on Thursday. For almost a week, she attended her Covid-19 positive husband, whose condition was extremely critical till his last moments. The family members are waiting for her test results.

Patients fear contracting other diseases in the Covid ward at BIMS | EXPRESS

A youth from Athani tweeted on Saturday saying, "I was admitted to BIMS yesterday. Given the unhygienic condition of the Covid ward here, I am sure to get infected by various other diseases. Please shift me to Athani."

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express*, BIMS Director Vinay Dastikop said, "The hospital has enough staff to attend to all the Covid-19 patients. We have not asked patients to get their own attendees. The attendees are needed only in the case of paediatric patients. The positive patients are attended to effectively in the hospital."

Deputy Commissioner M G Hiremath said that to streamline healthcare facilities for Covid-19 patients, Covid Care Centres have been set up in 10 taluks of Belagavi where asymptomatic patients will be admitted. The positive patients in critical condition who need regular care and treatment only are being shifted to BIMS, he added.

According to the DC, facilities to house Covid patients are made at KLE Hospital and ESI Hospital too.

POCSO Act: New norms framed to support victims

Proposed regulation says when a person is to be appointed as support person, they must mention what kind of assistance they provide

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THE Child Welfare Committee of Bengaluru Urban district has drafted guidelines which could smoothen the process of providing personal and legal support to children who are victims ofsexual assault.

The Protection for Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012, allows for the appointment of "support persons" to provide different kinds of assistance to a child such as for mental health, medical assistance, liaising between the child and the family of the child and the police, courts, or other authorities.

However, since a child could need multiple kinds of support, CWC members say that there isn't enough clarity on what exactly the role of a support person is, as any person who works for the protection of children, an official of a state home which has custody of the child, or a person employed by the District Child Protection Unit is eligible to be appointed under the Act.

"Nowhere in the Act do we have a clearly defined role of the support person. And hence, there was confusion between the CWC and support persons. We obtained suggestions from various support persons and experts and drafted this SOP for our jurisdiction," said Anjali Ramanna, CWC chairperson of Bengaluru Urban district.

She said that when an individual or organisation is to be appointed as a support person, they must mention in the authorisation letter, the kind of assistance they would provide. The authorisation letter would also be valid only for a specific period of time, and the end of which, it would have to be renewed. The support person must also submit documents with regard to the intervention to the CWC once a month. A copy of the authorisation letter would also be sent to the Special Juvenile Police Unit.

Mysuru to B'luru in 90 minutes: Wait gets longer

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THE Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, which will reduce the travel time between the two cities to 90 minutes, is facing a major hurdle because of labour shortage, triggered by Covid and lockdown. The contractors have not been able to source labourers, majority of whom have returned to hometowns, and are managing only with half the required workers which could push the deadline for completion of the project by 2022.

The Union Ministry of Surface Transport announced in March 2014 that the Bengaluru-Mysuru state highway (SH-88) would be turned into a 10-lane National Highway (NH-275) with a distance of 117 km from the NICE entrance in Bengaluru to the Ring Road in Mysuru. After much dilly-dallying, the work started only in early 2019 instead of 2018, as there were issues, including land acquisition, shifting of amenities and legal aspects.

The NHAI has taken up the work at an estimated ₹7,400 crore. The stretch includes nine major bridges, 44 minor bridges and four road over bridges. The project has been divided into two packages, Bengaluru to Nidaghatta in Maddur (56.2 km) and Nidaghatta to Bengaluru (60 km). In the first package, 50% of the work is done, while in the second package, 25%.

The work stopped during the lockdown, and after it was rescheduled a few weeks ago, officials faced the labour shortage. "From both packages, over 8,000 workers were working, but now there are hardly 4,000,'' PWD sources said.

Contractors need skilled labourers to operate cranes, bulldozers, excavators and other high-tech vehicles and are training local workers. But that will take time, the PWD sources said. Sridhar, a Project Development Officer, NHAI, said that the work is in progress, but it is slow.

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Senior politicos condole death of mathematician

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Senior political leaders have condoled the death of CS Seshadri, one of the leaders of Indian mathematics in the post-Independence era, who passed away late on Friday in Chennai. He was 88. A leader in the field of algebraic geometry, he made breakthroughs that lie at the base of many branches of this profound discipline.

PM Narendra Modi on Saturday tweeted, "In the passing away of Prof C.S. Seshadri, we have lost an intellectual stalwart who did outstanding work in mathematics. His efforts will be remembered for generations..."

'Officer shunted after K'taka HC pulled up govt'

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Sources in the BBMP said the commissioner's transfer was also because the Opposition was repeatedly pointing to financial anomalies in handling the Covid issue. They pointed out to the issue of renting beds and other equipment which put an additional burden of around Rs 240 crore on the already strained exchequer.

Some others said the government took the decision to transfer the commissioner after the High Court pulled up the BBMP and State Government for not providing adequate supplies to people living in containment zones. There was also buzz that the transfer was ordered at the behest of a minister.

In the face of embarrassment before the High Court over management of containment zones, the government appointed G Kumar Naik, Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, as nodal officer. Prasad was also appointed as nodal officer for inter-state travellers.

Prasad is a 1994 batch IAS officer while Kumar is of the 1987 batch. Prasad was one of the longest-serving BBMP Commissioners, the current posting being his fourth stint. He was earlier briefly transferred on the orders of the Election Commission of India in 2018 and was brought back two months later to replace Anil Kumar.

No more meetings on beds issue: CM

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THE government will also take strict action against private hospitals refusing to reserve beds for Covid patients, the minister added.

In the meeting, the CM expressed concern over some medical college hospitals not providing beds as promised during their earlier meeting and directed them to do so from Sunday as the number of Covid cases continues to surge in the state capital. The CM is said have told the college managements that they will not have anymore meetings to discuss the same issue and action will be taken against those who fail to comply with the government directives.

Seeking their cooperation in the fight against the pandemic, the CM said, during the emergency situation everyone should respond with humanity and should not deny treatment to any patient. He expressed concern over reports of deaths due to hospitals refusing treatment and said action will be taken against hospitals refusing treatment to Covid or non-Covid patients. Bengaluru should continue to lead the country as a role model in Covid-19 management, he said and assured the college managements of all support, including providing doctors and nurses, if need be.

In the last meeting with the CM, private medical colleges had agreed to provide around 4,500 beds, which would take the total beds available in government and private medical colleges to 6,500 beds, a note from the CMO stated. The government also decided to issue notice to Vydehi Medical College for their absence, according to a statement issued by the CMO.

EXPRESS READ

In a first, AP records new Covid cases within state limit

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh witnessed the highest single day spike of COVID-19 cases as well as deaths on Saturday. A staggering 3,963 persons tested positive for the virus taking the cumulative tally to 44,609 while 52 patients succumbed to the virus taking the toll to 586. According to State Control Room, no person coming from other states or countries has been found positive for the virus in the 23,872 samples tested in the past 24 hours. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to enter into a Sale Deed in respect of Development Rights Certificate to be obtained by its owners **Sri. P. Ramanjineya and others**, all R/a Abigere Village, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore 560090, by relinquishing the land in the property described in the schedules below.

Anybody having any charge, lien, interest, title or claim in the Development Rights Certificate to be obtained/the property relinquished, should lodge their objections in writing along with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such claim is received, my clients shall purchase the Development Rights Certificate as if no such claim exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE-I

Development Rights Certificate to be obtained for FAR Credit of built-up area of **5260.88 sqmtrs (56622.85sqft)** to be issued by BBMP on relinquishment of land in Property, bearing Survey No. 5, situated at Abbigere village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

SCHEDULE-II

Development Rights Certificate to be obtained for FAR Credit of built-up area of **5564.04 sqmtrs (59885.76sqft)** to be issued by BBMP on relinquishment of land in Property, bearing Survey No. 20, situated at Abbigere village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Sd/-
Rekha Gandhi, Advocate,
SRI RANGA AISHWARYA RESIDENCY
No-21/8, 4D, Pampamahakavi Road, Bangalore-560004

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has negotiated to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Dr.Thomas Mathews,** Son of Late John Mathews, represented by his brother and duly authorized Power of Attorney Holder **Mr.Abraham Mathews,** residing at Flat No.701, Shoba Dew Flower, Sarakki Main Road, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore : 560 078

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land being a vacant residential corner site bearing **No.402,** (formed by the Bangalore Development Authority), situated at **1st Stage, 5th Block, Hennur Bellary Road Layout, (H.B.R.Layout),** Bangalore and now coming within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and assigned with **BBMP Khatha No.678/2438/402** and bounded on the :

EAST BY : Site bearing No.401;
WEST BY : Road;
NORTH BY : Road;
SOUTH BY : Site bearing No.403;

and measuring on the :
EAST to WEST : 18.29 Meters;
NORTH to SOUTH : 12.19 Meters;
Totally measuring in all 222.95 Square meters or 2400 Square feet;

NISSAR AHMED, Advocate
No.10, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 19.07.2020 Place : Bangalore

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NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in**/respective Subsidiary Company (CCL, **www.centralcoalfields.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** in addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal **https://gem.gov.in**"

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client **Mr. A.VINOTHKUMAR ANGURAJAN** S/o Mr. S. Angurajan is intending to purchase the "Schedule Property" mentioned hereunder from **Mr. RAMANJANAPPA** S/o. Late. Munivenkatappa . Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the **"Schedule property"** are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Portion of immovable property bearing **Vacant Site No.41,** House List Katha No.223/3, Situated at **Horamavu Agra Village " ROCHE ENCLAVE II BLOCK" K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,** Bengaluru Urban District, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 31 Feet on the Southern Side 34 Feet and North to South on the Western Side 4 Feet and on the Eastern Side 11 Feet , Presently the property is coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.25 & bounded on the : **East by:** 30 Feet Wide Road, **West by:**25 Ft Wide Road,**North by:**25 Ft Wide Road, **South by:** Remaining Portion of site No.41 belonging to S. Vasantha Priya

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN- M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants,No.235,(Old No.13), 8th Main, 4th Block,Near SLV Uniworth Classic Apts, Maruthi Badavane, Hennur Cross, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 043.Contact-9845846428.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client **Mr. C.B.ABHILASH S/o. Sri. C.A. Badari Narayana** is intending to purchase the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **Mr. RAGHAVENDRA.M.V S/o. Mr. Venkataram.N.** Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the "Schedule property" are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **within 07 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site demarcated Vacant **Site No.118** in the Layout plans approved by the BDA in several Survey Numbers 84/2, 84/3, 85/1, 86/1, 86/2, 87, 88/1A, 88/1B, 89 AND 92/3, **Situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** formed by Telecom Employees Co- Operative Housing Society Ltd, Bangalore- 560 001(named it as Telecom lay-out "HBR LAY-OUT" Ring Road), (the said Site is Carved in Sy No. 88/1A of the Lay-out) Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet, and bounded on:**East by:**Site No.117,**West by:** Site No.119,**North by:**40 Feet Road,**South by:**Site No.120.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client **Mr. PREMKUMAR JAYAKUMAR** S/o Sri Jayakumar Alagamalai is intending to purchase the "Schedule Property" mentioned hereunder from **Mr. B.V Srinivasulu** S/o Late B. Venkataramaiah. Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the "Schedule property" are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Residential Independent Villa No. 19** to be constructed in residential Plot/Villa No.19, forming part of Survey Number 91/1, 91/2, 92/4, 92/5, situated in **Thirumenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** in the Layout known as **"ANTALIEA HOMES1"** and measuring on the East To West : 15.0 Meter (49.2 Ft); North to South 9.0 Meter (29.5 Ft) and totally measuring **1453 Square Feet** with a super built-up area of 2738 Square Feet and bounded on the:**East by:**Plot/Villa No.38, **West by:** Road, **North by:**Plot/Villa No.20, **South by:** Plot/Villa No.18

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our clients **Mr.IMRAN ZEELAN** S/o Mr. Zeelan. P and **Mr.DINESH PAL** S/o Mr. Dhirender Pal, are intending to purchase the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from its Owners.Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution.,etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the "Schedule property" are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof **within 07 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our clients shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential Property bearing New Municipal **No.66,** PID No. 89-47-66 (Previously Portion of Property bearing No. 14, Assessment No. 72/1, Katha No. 1863/A) Situated at **Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West 38 Feet and North to South 25.5 Feet, measuring in all 969 Square Feet, presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and bounded on the:**East by:**Smt. Geetha's Property, **West by:**Road,**North by:** Private Property, **South by:**Sri. Chandrashekar's Property

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The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited
H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sri B.R.Vsasudevan, S/o late M.Raju Chettiar, R/a No.43/1, 9th Cross, R.C.Agrahara, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018, The debt due to Bank as on **13.07.2020** of **Rs.68,95,955/-** + Interest & miscellaneous expenses. Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"on 19.08.2020, Wednesday at 11.00 am.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Item No.1

All that piece and parcel of the Property No.2, (in erstwhile Sy.No.62/2, Gavipuram Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Khatha No.111, Present BBMP Khatha No.111/2, Devanathachar Street, Dasappa Garden, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18, measuring East to West: 25'9" and North to South: 65'6" in all totally measuring 1699 Sq.Ft., together with building/s constructed thereon along with easementary rights, appurtenances' etc., and the said property is bounded on the East by: Property No.3 belonging to Siddappa, West by: Property No.1 belonging to L.Siddalinga, North by: Property belonging to Kudlimutt & South by: Layout Road.

Item No.2

All that piece and parcel of the property No.3, (in erstwhile Sy.No.62/2, Gavipuram Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Old Khatha No.111/3, Present BBMP Khatha No.111/2, Devanathachar Street, Dasappa Garden, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-18, measuring East to West: 8' and North to South: 66' in all totally measuring 528 Sq.Ft., together with building/s constructed thereon along with easementary rights, appurtenances' etc., and the said property is bounded on the East by: Remaining Portion of the same Property, West by: Property No.2 belonging to Gowramma and others, North by: Property belonging to Kudlimutt & South by: Layout Road.

The old PID No.46-24-111/2, Old Ward No.46, Old Ward Name: Chamarajpet, New PID No. 140-W0169-5, New Ward No.140, New Ward Name: Chamarajpet. The Schedule Property vests within the jurisdiction of Basavanagudi Sub Registration Dist.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of the Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.

(2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of both the properties i.e., is Rs.8,05,785/- being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.

(3) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the time of sale in cash/DD to the GMCB Ltd. and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale.

(4) The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour.

(5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.

(6) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidder may contact the undersigned at the GMCB Ltd., or through Telephone, they are at liberty to make their own assessment/enquiry about the property. Balance of tax and others charges has to be bourned by purchaser.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 14.07.2020

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd.,
26677552, 26506279

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

The Under mentioned property is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited and are held as securities in the loans availed by Borrower(s) /Co Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) herein mentioned. The original Papers related to the said property are in possession of Bajaj Finance Limited and with an intention to create the security, the Borrowers named here-in have mortgaged the same. The Borrowers named here-in as well as the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the first charge of BFL for the amount(s) as mentioned herein under with future interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Security	Principal Outstanding Payable as on date	Loan Number(s) and Sanctioned amount
B M DEVELOPERS (Borrower) P GAJENDRA PAVALURI TULASI (Co-Borrower)	All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: Flat no 409(B block), Flat no 408(B block) Flat no 401(A block), Flat no 404(B block) Flat no 412(B block), 4th floor, BM Serinity 24th main, HSR sector-2 Somasundarpalya, Bangalore-560102. Flat no 004, Flat no 003 ground floor, B block, BM Marvel victorian view layout, off borewell road, Nallurahalli village, Bangalore-560066.	Rs. 19,581,693 /-	404HLD08604623 and Rs.2,47,80,182
GONAGUNTLA JAYAPRAKASH (Borrower) GONAGUNTLA VENKAT NAIDU (Co-Borrowers)	All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: SY NO.32/2 AND SY NO.32/3, KATHA NO.2950/32/2 & 32/3, KOTHIHOSAHALLI VILLAGE, YELAHANKA HOBLI , BANGALORE - 560064	Rs. 6,07,86,197/-	404LAP01427990 Rs.6,45,00,000/-

Place :Bangalore
Date :19/07/2020

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IN CONGRESS, THE OLD NORMAL IS THE NEW NORMAL

IN 1963, journalist Welles Hangen authored a book which asked 'After Nehru, who'. The echoes of the chorus which followed signalled the morphing of the party from being a collective with political purpose into one of convenient ambiguity.

Shorn of the piety and nostalgia of the Independence movement, the Indian National Congress has largely been an idea, with a leader in the quest for power. In 2020, Congressmen are in a desperate hunt for an idea to revive the leader and a rapidly disintegrating party.

The saga of young Sachin Pilot, denied his due after he rebuilt the party, and his outrage at what he terms as being stabbed in the back is neither unique nor unprecedented. In 2003, the party made Sheila Dikshit, who single-handedly won a second term for the party, sweat it out for 10 days before renominating her as Chief Minister.

THE THIRD EYE

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Whether it is Kamaraj in 1970s, Vasantdada Patil in 1980s or P V Narasimha Rao in the 1990s, the old normal is the new normal in the Congress.

The cause of the convulsions, the bouts of fight or flight political epileptic fits are located in the structural decay and the absence of inner party democracy— last seen when the enigmatic K Kamaraj ensured the anointment of Lal Bahadur Shastri as Nehru's successor, thwarting Morarji Desai and Indira Gandhi.

Grass roots activism within the party is visible only when sponsored or fertilised by the high command. For three decades, between 1967 and 1990, first under Indira and then Rajiv Gandhi, the Congress followed the familiar model of election by selection wherein the high command would choose who gets elected to lead the party.

The substitution of merit with loyalty and popularity with sycophancy is best symbolised by D K Barooah of the 'Indira is India' fame. The consequence is manifest in the electoral record of the party. Following its losses, the Congress has not returned to power in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Gujarat for decades. The slide continued in the nineties and the new millennium — with losses in Odisha, MP, Jharkhand, with the Congress rarely repeating terms.

What happens in the States does not stay in there but creeps into the Centre. Its loss in 2014 was most eloquently described by Sanjay Nirupam who said 'even Modi would have lost had he contested on a Congress ticket'. Worse was to follow in 2019 when the party scored a duck over a dozen states and Union Territories and won just one seat each in nine other states.

Market share in business or the business of politics depends on product and dealerships. By the 1990s, the Congress had national reach but no product. In 2004, it crafted a franchise model to acquire market share and came to power in the Centre. However, while management of power was professionalised with the adoption of the CEO route chosen by family enterprises, little was done to modernise the party or its management.

In the real world economy, the success of the enterprise – whether listed, privately owned or a family business – depends on how it operates in the market. Would an enterprise appoint juniors or nobodies to assess markets or divisional heads? The Congress persists in appointing rootless wonders as overseers to states. The fate of entrepreneurs who stacked boards with family retainers is known yet the Congress nominates nonentities to its highest decision making body.

The chasm between the anointed and the elected has widened disconnect between the idea and the market. And this explains the absence of a viable product line and the shrinking market and mind share. Every failure is followed by the standard promise of 'introspection'. If the party has introspected — in 1998, in 2014 or in 2019 — it is largely a secret to its members. The 1998 A K Antony report on 'whether reforms are anti-poor' could qualify for an archaeological dig.

Succession in the Congress has followed a pattern. Indira Gandhi slowly but surely got rid of Nehru's people. Rajiv Gandhi, pitchforked into politics after the death of brother Sanjay, grasped the connotation of carpe diem and brought his own team from Arun Nehru to Arun Singh. Sonia Gandhi used a mix and match approach to craft her core group even as she inducted advice from left of centre NGOs.

Seven years since Congressmen applauded the anointment of Rahul Gandhi as successor in January 2013, the leader to be is yet to be. The successor continues to be the young leader and remains surrounded by generations of geriatric leaders. Authority in the party is diffused and decision-makers are divorced from accountability. He could have implemented his own structure – the primaries model, the politburo model or seized the idea signalled by his mother when she appointed Manmohan Singh as PM in 2004 and chosen the CEO and board approach. However, Rahul Gandhi or RaGa as he is pitched on social media is yet to compose his own raga.

A political party cannot be in perpetual paroxysm if it has ambitions of being a credible competitive idea. As a young traumatised leader put it, the 'monarchy must look at the Queen's kingdom and learn to democratise'.

COVID ANOTHER TOOL OF POWER

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

ADMITTEDLY the Covid pandemic is dangerous in multiple ways. But that is not the real issue. The real issue is whether Covid can be used for political purposes. The honest answer is Yes. Any development can be used by shrewd political leaders to promote their interests. The idea of using a worldwide disease for personal purposes may look like human values reaching new lows. But, there is no running away from reality.

India has seen many prime ministers using their prerogatives to neutralise those who pose a threat to them. Jawaharlal Nehru himself dismissed Kerala's elected Government in 1959 for trumped-up reasons. It is immaterial that the real force behind that coup was Indira Gandhi and that the unseen force behind her was the American lobby.

What Indira did in 1959 was repeated by her son in 1982. There was haughtiness in the way Rajiv Gandhi dismissed Andhra Chief Minister T Anjaiah. With the arrogance of dynastic power, he publicly called Anjaiah a buffoon. That the Congress lost Andhra for good after that never bothered him.

No prime minister has had a God-given opportunity like Covid to consolidate his power and put himself beyond challenge. The gods — including the gods of Covid — are on the side of the present Prime Minister. And he is putting it to good use with an expertise that is unrivalled. Look at what might seem like an innocuous issue, the CBSE syllabus. Many subjects have been dropped from this year's syllabus to "reduce examination stress on students". What a considerate government, you might think. But take a closer look at the subjects that have been removed from the syllabus: Citizenship, Nationalism, Secularism, Federalism, Five-Year Plans. Got it?

Under such a syllabus, young newgen Indians can grow up without realising that a modern, secular, justiciable democracy had evolved in India's constitutional governance. Evidently, the erasure of that part of history is what the power-wielders of the day want. Who will lose, who will gain from such contrived education?

After Jawaharlal Nehru, the only prime minster who looked at policy making from a historical and national perspective was P V Narasimha Rao. And the Congress party went out of its way to make Narasimha Rao a non-person. The interior decay of the party that surfaced then was never set right. In fact, it got worse under Sonia Gandhi because, despite her best efforts, she could not acquire the legitimacy of Indira. Sonia speaking for the Congress with the President's cap on somehow doesn't click. In fact, it can be said that it diminishes the public appeal of the Congress. Add to this the new phenomenon of Rahul Gandhi trying to change his persona. Is some kind of personality shift taking place within him? All of a sudden he is appearing with new hair styles and wearing collared shirts that make him look like a senior clerk in an export-import company in Connaught Place.

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The Congress's curse — and India's — is that no one dares look outside of the Gandhis. This is when it is obvious that dramatic changes will occur if Sonia retires and Rahul joins a team of leaders comprising Mallikarjun Kharge, Kapil Sibal and P Chidambaram on the one side and Milind Deora, Jitin Prasada and Deepender Hooda on the other, all working as a team of equals. The days of Gandhi monopoly are over.

India has marched ahead of many other countries because of its multiculturalism and liberal democracy. Forces have lately developed in opposition to both these strong points. If they succeed, it will be at the cost of the strength India derives from the multiplicity of its civilisational components.

Chole-bhature and *lassi* are as integral to India's continuance as a confluence of traditions as are *kozhukattai* and Mylapore's *kathrikkai* fry. Imagine a day when all these are taken off the menu and only *dhokla* and *puri-chunda* are permitted to be eaten. Life will lose its flavours. It is natural for rulers, in democracies as well as autocracies, to go for absolute power which corrupts many things absolutely. It is the exercise of absolute power that made Delhi recently ban all liquor sales, knowing that liquor sale is a state subject.

The lesson being taught is obvious: There is only one authority in India today and that is in Delhi. What Indira and Rajiv tried to do amateurishly is being done professionally, determinedly and comprehensively. Take it lying down because you have no choice.

USE RAM BAAN AGAINST CHINA IN NEPAL

POWER & POLITICS

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COMMUNISM is a cacophony of contradictions. The comrades abhor religion but in their godless sanctum sanctorum, the unholy Trinity of Marx, Mao and Lenin comprise dialectical divinity. Last week, this discrepancy came to the fore when Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli, the Communist prime minister of Nepal, claimed ownership of Lord Ram. Nepal is the only Hindu nation in the world.

Comrade Oli was attempting a cartographic invasion of Ayodhya, where the first meeting of the Ram Temple Trust was held Sasturday. He claimed it lies in Nepal and conferred Nepali citizenship on one of the most sacred of Hindu gods, Lord Ram. Perhaps, China, which is embroiled in Nepali politics, does believe in Ram indeed.

Meanwhile, God's Own Country lived up to its name after the revered Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple was restored to Hindus, leaving the Marxist-ruled state government literally red- faced. Oli is the leader of the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist-Leninist (CPN-UML). He became the Prime Minister with the help of the Mao-inspired Communist Party of Nepal led by a former Prime Minister, Pushpa Kamal Dahal.

For the past few weeks, Oli's own comrades have been trying to defenestrate him over Nepal's tottering economy and excessive proximity with China. A section of diplomats and the media claim that Dragon Diplomacy, led by the Chinese ambassador to Kathmandu, has temporarily saved Oli's chair. But the Comrade himself is insecure about his survival. The avowed atheist's erroneous epiphany that Ram wasn't born in Bharat but in the Nepalese part of undivided India is ridiculous.

The hard core Communist is strategising that Ram is his only salvation from daily humiliation. But neither he nor his fellow comrades have ever had a photo op in Nepal's Pashupatinath temple, which unites the Hindus of Nepal and India. Yet the prime objective of the tactical alliance between Pakistani green and Chinese red is to divide not only Nepal along ideological lines, but also incite its citizens against India.

Comrade Oli is in office on a borrowed time. He is at the butt end of daily protests from the public and politicians. He has been accusing India of destabilising his government for his close proximity with the Chinese leaders.

However, instead of defending his red romance, the Nepalese PM has surprisingly brought Ram into the narrative. He was quoted by the media as saying, "There is a fierce debate about Ayodhya. In fact, Ayodhya lies in Thori, which is west of Nepal's Birgunj, and the Pandit who performed Putresthi Yagya (a religious ceremony organised to seek divine blessings to have children) after there were no children from King Dasarath was from Ridi (in Nepal)... Therefore, the child (Ram) is not an Indian. The place (Ayodhya) is not in India either." If that wasn't enough for him to win sympathy at home, he further added: "We have been suppressed culturally. Facts have been twisted. Even today, we believe that Sita was married to an Indian prince, Ram. We gave her not to an Indian, but to the one from Ayodhya. Ayodhya is a village that lies to the west of Birgunj." Deification of domestic politics appears to be Oli's short exit route out of the crises.

The diehard despot's ideological opportunism to save his job was mocked by his own party, Indian scholars and Ram bhakts. He acquired power not through popular mandate but by external intervention, which brought various factions of Communists together. CPN-UML polled about 33.25 per cent of the votes and got 44 per cent of the seats. Prachanda, who grabbed 20 per cent seats, extended his support to Comrade Oli. But Oli chose China as his mentor and extended major economic concessions to Chinese companies. It's ironic that a section of the Nepalese leadership has charged India with propping up Oli against Prachanda.

In May, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the new 80 km-long road near the Nepal border, which connects the Lipulekh pass near the Chinese border. In addition to its strategic importance, the highway is one of the quickest road links to reach Mount Kailash. This project provoked anti-India sentiments in Nepal and helped Oli to consolidate his grip over on domestic politics. His next step was to escalate tensions against India by changing its own map. For the first time, Nepal officially included large tracts of Indian territory under New Delhi's control for six decades. Oli called Parliament and got the new political map approved, which includes Kalapani, Limpiyadhura and Lipulekh of Uttarakhand in Nepal. Oli's map includes Susta in West Champaran, Bihar as well.

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Nepal's aggressive posturing and growing dependence on China and Pakistan for both commerce and security is causing serious concerns in India. Though the Hindu DNA of Nepal and India unites both culturally and emotionally, China and Pakistan are attempting a polygamous marriage that could create economic and security problems for India. Nepal and Pakistan have already given China access to constructing a road that would connect the three nations through hills and valleys important to India. Nepal also controls over 40 per cent of fresh water supply to certain parts of India. China is egging Nepal on to allow it to construct hydro power plants and dams to restrict water supply from its section of the Himalayan regions. China has made Nepal a key partner in its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and plans to invest heavily in Nepal's infrastructure to boost its global trade.

Indian relations with Nepal have been bumpy in the recent past. Over 5 million people of Nepali origin live in India. Citizens both countries are allowed visa-free visits and use of Indian currency as well. Due to past diplomatic snafus, India lost its influence over the Nepalese elite and politics. Over the last decade, diplomats with little knowledge about Nepal and its roots were posted in key positions. The Indian security system failed to keep a tight vigil on the rampaging romance between China and Nepal. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and his eagle-eyed National Security Advisor Brijesh Mishra would always keep a close watch on both diplomatic and political movements in the Nepalese neighbourhood.

When Kathmandu began to misbehave during 2001-2002, Mishra decided to visit Nepal to sort out thorny issues. Previous to that, the Vajpayee government selectively leaked out a list of Nepali ministers and other influencers with financial and other questionable relations with the Pakistan establishment. The hawks were nowhere to be seen when Mishra landed in Kathmandu. But the current Indian establishment hasn't used its powerful machinery to attack anti-India elements by exposing their misdeeds. India's support for the economic blockade of Nepal in 2015 fuelled anger against India. Subsequently, Nepal's demand to accept Indian currency after demonetisation was fiercely resisted by North Block mandarins leaving the Himalayan country with a heap of useless paper.

Instead of cementing their ancient cultural affinity by reminding Nepal of Rama and Buddha, Indian diplomats and foreign policy experts have nudged Nepal into China's lap. By claiming Rama's geographical lineage to throw a desperate gauntlet to Bharat, the original birthplace of the god, Comrade Oli has found his spiritual home in the geopolitical sanctuary of red China. India must affix the Ram baan on its geopolitical Kodanda to shoot down the fishy swayamvaram of China wooing Nepal.

QUOTE CORNER

If Disney and other American corporations continue to bow to Beijing, they risk undermining both their own future competitiveness and prosperity, as well as the classical liberal order that has allowed them to thrive

William Barr, US Attorney General

He (John Lewis) loved this country so much that he risked his life and his blood so that it might live up to its promise And through the decades, he not only gave all of himself to the cause of freedom and justice, but inspired generations that followed to try to live up to his example.

Barack Obama, former US president

The pandemic and associated global recession are about to wreak havoc in fragile and low-income countries. The response of wealthy nations so far has been grossly inadequate and dangerously short-sighted

Mark Lowcock, UN under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs

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Was Lavasa forced to exit?

The circumstances leading to the departure of Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa from the Election Commission makes for a sad reading as he was hounded and harassed for his uprightness in taking on the mighty and the powerful in the government. He had to pay the price for his steadfastness and devotion to duty. The government may do whatever it pleases without any fear of being pulled up for any omissions and commissions. The EC is effectively deprived of its status, independence and impartiality while holding elections in future without any bias or fear of anyone!

V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Impose President's rule

Mayawati's demand for President's rule in Rajasthan is justifiable seeing the goonda methods being unleashed by the veteran Congress leaders, including the CM, to tame the defectors by misusing its government might. Congress is well-known for its acts like this which it mastered over years. It makes empty talks on democracy, human rights etc., while hiding its own acts like Emergency and anti-Sikh riots.So it is no wonder that the party is trying to somehow tame the defectors by all sorts of tactics, including misusing government agencies and propagating fake news. As such, it is better to bring President's rule in the state instead of allowing goondaism and lies of Congress to succeed.

VS Ganeshan, Bengaluru

Rahul should introspect first

This has reference to the news 'Rahul flays PM for constant blunders'. It seems in order to demonstrate to the people that the Congress is an effective opposition, Rahul frequently is cavilling that the country has been dragged to the nadir on several fronts. He has to introspect what was the state of our economy before the BJP came to power. His personal attacks on Modi is unpalatable. It cannot be a cakewalk without problems for a country with more than one billion people. The ruling establishment has fared well in how it handled China without exacerbation, pandemic containment, providing food relief to migrants. Even economy of developed countries are also shaky now.

K Jayanthi, Chennai

Better Covid strategies needed

It is good to learn that India has one of the best COVID-19 recovery rates in the world and helped over 150 countries amid the ongoing crisis. In fact, it was a good opportunity to serve whole mankind amid the infectious disease. But I would like to express my concern about the surge of coronavirus cases in India. The more people will be affected by coronavirus, the more death will occur. What's more important is to stop the transmission of the virus as soon as possible. The government will have to adopt better Covid management strategies.

M N Qasmi, Kolkata

Seize the opportunity

The Covid pandemic has disturbed the academic year. At the same time, it has given us a chance to introspect and bring some positive changes in life. As education becomes rooted in the family and home environment, it's a great opportunity for parents to experiment. Earlier, parents used to complain that they do not know what is happening in school. Now there is an opportunity to get directly involved in classes. In online classes, there is a greater need for parents to fill the gaps in learning. The crucial factor here is the parent-child relationship.

B Ahsanullah, New Delhi

Air India's dangerous move

It is a matter of concern that Air India has approved a 'leave without pay' scheme for employees for six months or two years extendable up to five years. Sending employees on an unpaid leave cannot be a solution to the problems wrought by the pandemic. Lakhs of people are already unemployed. This step will only add to the crisis. Why cannot the salaries be drawn from the PM Cares fund? It is the government's job to protect these people, not make them suffer more during the economic downturn.

NR Salam, Jammu

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Hardeep Singh Puri @HardeepSPuri
India's role in reforming global multilateral system is anchored in motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, Sabka Vishwas'

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Modi government's staple is propaganda & spin... Increasing people's purchasing power the only way for revival.

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"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela.

Cong has history of young CMs, all began politics from ground

From Gehlot, Digvijaya, Sangma to Pawar, most were in 40s when they became CM

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FROM Margaret Alva and Tarun Gogoi to Digvijaya Singh and Salman Khurshid, many Congress veterans have advised Sachin Pilot that he needs to be patient before he eventually realises his dream to become the chief minister.

At nearly 43, Pilot indeed has many years left in his political career and appears to have a bright future ahead. But, the Congress has had a history of grooming young leaders and making them chief minsiters very early.

Two of them, Digvijaya and Ashok Gehlot himself, who is at the centre of the ongoing Rajasthan political crisis, became CMs for the first time when they were in their mid-forties. While Gehlot was 47, Digvijaya was a year younger, 46.

Other Congress leaders who were picked to be CMs when they were young are Sharad Pawar (now with the Nationalist Congress Party), V P Singh and P A Sangma, among others. With the party high command's blessings, all these leaders grabbed the top post, pipping the then old guard.

But there is one crucial difference between the young Congress CMs of the past and the wannabe CMs of the present. While Gehlot, Pawar, VP, Sangma and Digvijaya cut their teeth in politics from the grassroots, today's impatient brigade such as Pilot, Jyotiraditya Scindia (now with the BJP), Milind Deora and Jitin Prasada are all dynasts who parachuted into the party solely on the strength of their fathers.

None of them really went through the grind in the true sense. All of them had big boots to fill and were made central ministers when they were very young, whetting their appetite perhaps. In contrast, today's party veterans have risen from the ranks, giving their blood and sweat on their way to the top.

Ashok Gehlot: The Rajasthan chief minister began his political career through social work. Influenced by Gandhian ideology in his youth, he spent lot of time at the Wardha Gandhi Ashram. In 1971 during the India-Pakistan war, he worked as a volunteer in Bangladeshi refugee camps in Jodhpur. It is said this is where Indira Gandhi noticed him.

Gehlot entered student politics, becoming the first state president of the NSUI in 1974. He later became the district Congress committee president of Jodhpur and in 1980, he was elected to the seventh Lok Sabha at only 29.

After serving as a minister in the Centre in various capacities, he became the CM for the first time in 1998 at 47. He outwitted several senior leaders, among them Parasram Maderna, a towering Jat leader and an influential figure in state politics. Maderna was also the PCC chief.

Rajasthan PCC president Govind Dotasra (C) addresses the media in Jaipur | PTI

Senior journalist Suresh Vyas remembers how Gehlot was chosen. "After the Congress won a huge mandate, AICC observers came to Jaipur. Balram Jakhar managed to convince Maderna to become the Speaker, paving the way for Gehlot to become the CM."

Digvijaya Singh: There is no doubt that his royal lineage helped his rise in politics, but it cannot be said that he did not work his way up. When he was only 22, he became the president of the Raghogarh Nagar Palika in 1969-71 and joined the Jana Sangh. He switched to the Congress in 1970.

He was elected to the Madhya Pradesh Assembly from his native Raghogarh seat in 1977 at only 30. He was re-elected and went on to serve as a minister in the Congress government led by his political mentor Arjun Singh in 1980-1984.

At 37, Digvijaya became a Lok Sabha member, winning the Rajgarh seat in 1984. Nine years later in 1993, as the state Congress president he led the party to victory in the state assembly polls.

Being the PCC chief many considered him the natural choice for the CM's post but he had to fend off competition from several seniors such as Arjun Singh, Motilal Vora and Shyama Charan Shukla, besides OBC leader Subhash Yadav and rising star Madhavrao Scindia. He was sworn in as the CM at only 46.

Sharad Pawar: The Maratha strongman also began his career in politics from the grassroots. In college he was active in student politics. He joined the Youth Congress in 1958 and became the president of the Poona district Youth Congress in 1962. But he came into his own when Yashwantrao Chavan, the biggest politician from Maharashtra at that time, took Pawar under his wings. In 1967, he was elected to the Maharashtra Assembly for the first time when he was only 27.

Then at 38, he broke the Congress led by Indira Gandhi to become Maharashtra's youngest chief minister in 1978. Pawar returned to the Congress despite stiff opposition from the then chief minister, S B Chavan, and senior Congress leader V N Gadgil.

One day in 1998, then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called Pawar at 4 in the morning. When asked what he was up to, Pawar told Rajiv he was only doing what people generally at that hour, sleep. Pawar was summoned to Delhi and the next day, on June 24, 1988, Pawar was made the CM again at 48, this time as a Congressman. His rival Chavan was made the union finance minister.

V P Singh: Born into a zamindar family, the Raja of Manda, as he was popularly known, was initiated into politics as a student. He was elected the vice president of the Allahabad University students union. He joined the Congress party and was elected to the Uttar Pradesh assembly in 1969. There was no looking back after that, becoming a junior minister in the Indira Gandhi cabinet. Then in 1980, he was made the UP CM at 49. The party high command chose him over old foxes N D Tiwari, Kamlapati Tripathi, Sheila Kaul, C P N Singh and Brahmadutt.

P A Sangma: The late leader from Meghalaya joined the Congress early. He became the vice-president of Meghalaya Youth Congress in 1973 and its general secretary in 1975. In 1977, he was elected to the sixth Lok Sabha from Tura and represented it for the next two terms as well. In 1988, he switched to state politics and became the CM when he was only 41. His senior rivals for the chief minister's post were D D Lapang and Salseng Marak but Sangma had the blessings of the party's central leadership.

ASHOK GEHLOT (Rajasthan)
CM for first time at **47 years**
Year: **1998**
Rivals: Parasram Maderna, K Natwar Singh

DIGVIJAYA SINGH (Madhya Pradesh)
CM for first time at **46 years**
Year: **1993**
Rivals: Arjun Singh, Motilal Vora, Shyama Charan Shukla, Madhavrao Scindia

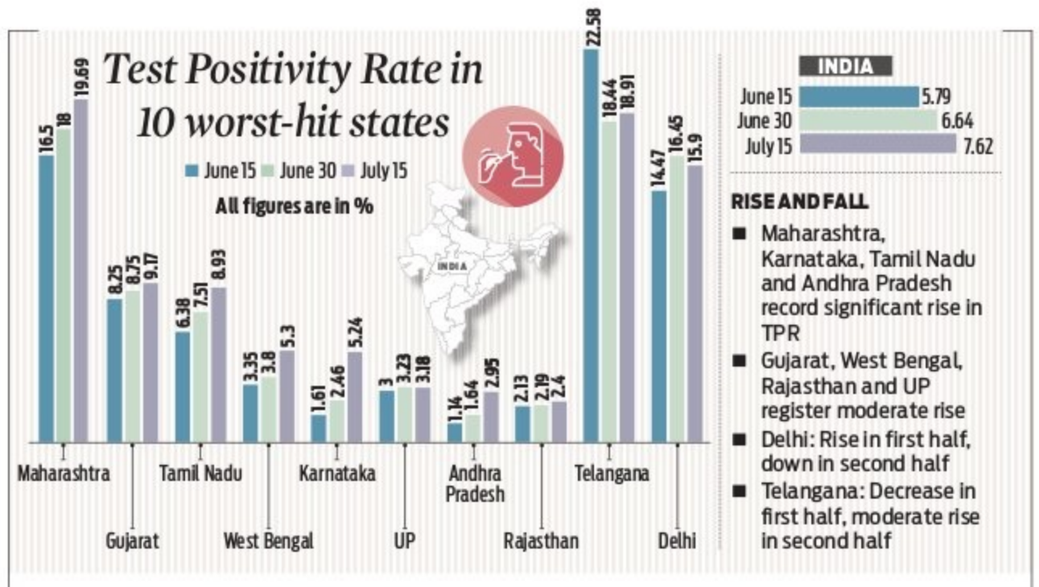
SHARAD PAWAR (now with NCP) (Maharashtra)
Congress CM for first time at **48 years**
Year: **1988**
Rivals: S B Chavan, V N Gadgil

P A SANGMA (Meghalaya)
CM for first time at **41 years**
Year: **1988**
Rivals: D D Lapang, Salseng Marak

V P SINGH (Uttar Pradesh)
CM for first time at **49 years**
Year: **1980**
Rivals: N D Tiwari, Kamlapati Tripathi, Sheila Kaul, C P N Singh, Brahmadutt

GEGONG APANG (Arunachal Pradesh)
CM for first time at **31 years**
Year: **1980**
Rivals: P K Thungon, Tadar Tang, Tomo Riba

PEMA KHANDU (now with BJP) (Arunachal Pradesh)
CM for first time at **37 years**
Year: **2016**
Rivals: Nabam Tuki, Kalikho Pul



States yet to reach peak, TPR records steady rise

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

AMONG the top 10 states with large numbers of Covid-19 cases, all excluding Telangana and Delhi have seen a steady rise in the test positivity rate (TPR) during the last one month. A close look into TPR during the period of June 15-July 15 has disclosed that Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bengal and Gujarat witnessed rise in TPR.

Significantly, Maharashtra and three Southern States Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu recorded a spike in TPR and others have seen moderate rise.

While the Country has seen a steady rise in cases with hardly any sign of let up, analysis of TPR data says that these states need to ramp up the testing further. Moreover, it also gives a hint that these states are yet to reach its peak and the number of positive cases is likely to rise further.

TPR is a measure of the quantity of testing. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), a high TPR indicates poor testing and it should remain below 5 per cent. A lower TPR suggests good testing and low chances of community spread.

Maharashtra recorded a sharp rise in TPR from 16.5 to 19.69 in last one month. It recorded the highest number of cases and also has the highest positivity rate. However, the state has not increased the testing despite the high TPR as it is testing nearly 37,000 samples daily.

Similarly, among the three Southern States, Karnataka recorded a sharp rise in the TPR as it went up from 1.61 to 5.24. It has seen a sudden spike in positive cases with total cases crossing the 55,000 mark. It has also ramped up its testing as it went up nearly four fold from about 7,000 daily tests to nearly 25,000 during the last one month.

Tamil Nadu has also seen a significant rise in TPR as it went up from 6.38 to 8.93. The State has the second highest number (nearly 1.6 lakh) positive cases and is testing over 40,000 samples daily.

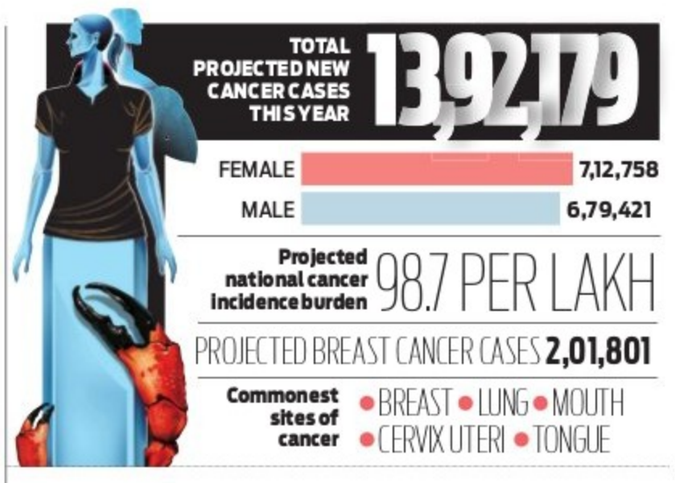
Andhra Pradesh has seen a significant rise in TPR from 1.14 to 2.95 with the number of positive cases rising and crossing 40,000 mark. It is testing nearly 22,000 samples daily as against nearly 15,000 a month ago.

Analysis of the data has also suggested that most states were slow in increasing the number of testing despite the sharp rise in positive cases. Ramped up testing help in breaking the chain by detecting the carriers and Delhi is a good example. Delhi's TPR had reached 16.45 on June 30. It scaled up testing after Center's intervention from 6,500 a day (till mid-June) to 20,000 a day by July 15. As a result, the TPR has shown a downward trend coming down to 15.91. Centre has advised other states to follow the Delhi model.

EXPRESS READ

Govt opens NDRF for individual donations

New Delhi: The Union Home Ministry on Saturday allowed individuals and private institutions to make contribution to the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). "Centre has laid out the modalities for receipt of contributions/grants from any person or institution for the purpose of disaster management in the National Disaster Response Fund as per Section 46(1)(b) of the Disaster Management (DM) Act, 2005," said an official release. Contributions/grants can be made by any person or institution in NDRF through physical instruments, RTGS/NEFT/UPI and Bharatkosh portal.



14 lakh new cancer cases likely this year, rise of 16%

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

NEARLY 14 lakh new cancer cases will be diagnosed in India this year, a first such report by two disease research institutions under the Indian Council of Medical Research has projected.

Given that about 11.57 lakh fresh cancer cases were detected in 2018, when the last count of actual numbers was done, the projected number of 13,92,179 cases this year marks a rise of over 16 per cent within two years. The report also said that less than 33 per cent of the common cancers were detected at an early stage.

The report, prepared by researchers with the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research on the basis of actual cancer mapping and trends in 2012-16, said the highest number will be breast, lung, mouth, cervix uteri and tongue cancer.

The study does not take into account the ongoing pandemic situation. The projected incidence of patients with cancer is higher for females (7,12,758) than males (6,79,421) and the cancer incidence burden is expected to be 98.7 per 1,00,000 population at a conservative estimate.

The report said one in 68 males (lung cancer), one in 29 females (breast cancer), and one in 9 Indians will develop cancer during their lifetime between 0 and 74 years of age.

Aizawl in Mizoram at 269.4 case per lakh and Papumpare in Arunachal Pradesh with 219.8 cases per lakh will continue to have the highest age-adjusted incidence of cancer in India. The high case burden in the region is attributed to excessive consumption of tobacco.

> **The big strengths of this study are information on cancer stage at diagnosis and treatment status at population level which are limited**
> Krithiga Shridhar, researcher with PHFI

Nationally, lung, mouth, oesophagus, stomach and nasopharynx cancers were the most common in men. Lung cancer was the leading site in metropolitan cities and the south, whereas mouth cancer was the leading site in the west and central regions. The report said incidence rate of thyroid cancer in women was rising.

Experts pointed out that with changing socio-demographics and lifestyle in an already highly heterogeneous population, this type of analysis was essential for cancer prevention and control. Dr Dinesh Pendharkar, president of Indian Society of Oncology, said the rising incidence of breast and ovarian cancer in women and prostate cancer in men needed to be under the spotlight for prevention and early detection.

Raje speaks out against Congress, for self amid talk of BJP rift

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE conjectured factionalism within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Rajasthan over the Gehlot-Pilot spat is slowly tumbling out of the closet. On Saturday, former chief minister and senior leader Vasundhara Raje broke her silence, lambasting the Congress for blaming the BJP for its own "misdeeds," even as she rambled on about her loyalty to the party.

That was thought to be essential in the face of charges that the former CM was, in fact, trying to save the Ashok Gehlot government in the state.

Over the past few days, the BJP's feigned acquiescence to the virtual split in the state Congress was largely attributed to the fluid situation and inability of Sachin Pilot to switch to the saffron camp.

Raje attempted to be direct – on the one hand, she attacked the Congress and, on the other, she took on her critics within and outside BJP that she was in any way in cahoots with Gehlot.

"It is unfortunate that the people of Rajasthan are paying for the discord within the Congress at a time when Covid-19 has killed over 500 people," said Raje. "This has also come at a time when locusts are attacking agricultural fields... There is no point in dragging BJP leaders into this."

Some people are repeatedly spreading rumours. I have been a loyal worker of the party for 30 years and I stand firmly with the party and its ideology
Vasundhara Raje, former Rajasthan CM

Then she tweeted: "Some people are repeatedly spreading rumours. I have been a loyal worker of the party for 30 years and I stand firmly with the party and its ideology."

It was this statement that sought to stoke the political embers that first drew sustenance from Pilot's remark of a "hidden nexus" between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and the former CM.

Besides, a few days ago, RLP MP Hanuman Beniwal had alleged that Raje was trying to save the "minority government." Beniwal also claimed that Raje had advised Jat MLAs of Sikar and Nagaur districts not to join Pilot.

Sources say Beniwal is backed by the anti-Raje camp within the BJP. A section of the party believes that the nascent Pilot-BJP bonhomie has not gone down well with the Raje camp that sees it as a barrier to Raje's prospects of becoming the CM again.

Kailash Meghwal, former Assembly Speaker, too waded into the controversy. "It is disgraceful to remove an elected government through unethical means. The BJP is a party of character. I reject any plot to bring down the government."

This prompted CM Ashok Gehlot to repeat his charges on Twitter, citing Meghwal.

The Pilot episode has, thus, exposed intra-party rivalries within the BJP: While one group belongs to former CM Raje, the other has Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and state party chief Satish Poonia.

Political observers, however, believe that most BJP MLAs are loyal to Raje and that they are expected to come up with a new strategy after the monsoon season.

BJP cries foul, demands CBI probe into 'phone tapping'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WONDERING if the Rajasthan government is resorting to the illegality of tapping phones, the BJP on Saturday demanded a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI) into the episode of the tapes released by the Congress on Friday. The BJP charged the Congress of the practice of snooping.

"People who cry fascism at the drop of a hat are today silent despite the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan covertly admitting to tapping phones at whim. The Emergency was constitutionally lifted but those who had imposed it can't get rid of their entrenched fascist tendencies," said the BJP national general secretary Bhupendra Yadav.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra asked the Rajasthan government to come clean on the issue of phone tapping.

"Phone tapping can only be done by the authorised agencies as per the due process of law. There is a laid down procedure in which a committee headed by the Cabinet secretary in Central cases and the chief secretary in cases of states approve the tapping of the phones. Now that there are claims of the taped conversations, the Rajasthan government should clear if phones of people in politics are being tapped in utter violation of privacy," said Patra, while demanding the CBI probe into the phone tapes.

The Congress on Friday had released tapes of purported conversations over the phone of the political leaders, allegedly including the Union Minister Gajendra Singh Chouhan, while charging that there was a conspiracy to topple the Gehlot government.

> **Rajasthan government should clear if phones of people in politics are being tapped in utter violation of their privacy**
> Sambit Patra, BJP spokesperson

SCENE RECREATED
A team of forensic experts on Saturday reached the site where gangster Vikas Dubey was gunned down on July 10 and recreated the scene of the alleged encounter.

6 NEW CORONAVIRUS CASES IN DHARAVI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	24	Mumbai	28	25
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	28	24
Jaipur	40	26	Patna	33	28
Amritsar	34	27	Lucknow	33	28
Chennai	32	24	Port Blair	29	25
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	28	20	Chandigarh	36	23

Yuva Sena chief moves SC over final-yr exams

Aaditya Thackeray has filed a writ petition in SC against UGC decision to hold exams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA's environment and tourism minister and Yuva Sena chief **Aaditya Thackeray** moved the Supreme Court on Saturday against the University Grand Commission's decision to hold final-year examinations for colleges and universities in September.

These exams were postponed earlier this year due to the coronavirus outbreak and lockdown. The state government has already made it clear it will not be possible to conduct the examinations.

"We wrote letters to the UGC and the HRD Ministry requesting them not to hold the exams and rethink their decision. But we didn't receive any response. Lakhs of students approached us from all across the country and so, based on the guidance of Aaditya Thackeray, we filed a writ petition," said Varun Sardesai, secretary of the Yuva Sena, the youth wing of the ruling Shiv Sena.

Aaditya, on his part, tweeted, "We believe academic excellence cannot be judged by one exam... if students still feel the need to appear for an examination, they voluntarily may do so post-COVID." He further said, "The petition is for each and every student across the country, being forced to appear for an examination in an absolutely bizarre judgment of the situation by UGC and non-flexibility when it comes to human safety."

In a statement, the Yuva Sena said the central government was "ignoring physical and mental health, anxiety and safety of students across the country" in allowing examinations to be held.

Mumbai recovery rate

While the Covid-19 case count in Mumbai is nearing the one lakh-mark, the recovery rate is nearly 70%, which is seven per cent more than the national average and nearly 15 % more than that of Maharashtra.

Assam flood: 8 rhinos drown in Kaziranga Park

An official tries to feed a rhino at Kaziranga National Park in Nagaon district | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

WITH three more deaths on Saturday, the Assam flood toll rose to 79 even as the Brahmaputra inundated the entire Kaziranga National Park.

"Kaziranga is under water. The situation might further worsen as the water upstream (of river Brahmaputra) is increasing," the park's Director P Sivakumar told this newspaper.

The river flows through the park. Till Saturday morning, 96 animals — including eight rhinos — died due to various reasons such as drowning and vehicle hits. National Highway 37 traverses beside the park. The animals, particularly elephants and hog deer, cross the highway to go to the hills in neighbouring Karbi Anglong district during floods.

A tiger had strayed out three days ago and took refuge at the house of a villager. It was tranquilised by forest officials. One rhino had also strayed out on Friday to escape the park's rising water. "One rhino strayed out. We have given protection as there is water everywhere. If required, we will tranquilise the animal tomorrow (Sunday)," Sivakumar said.

Apurba Ballav Goswami, who is a journalist and environmentalist, has written to the Centre suggesting that the areas in Karbi Anglong, where the Kaziranga animals move to during floods, should be brought under the territorial jurisdiction of the park to thwart poaching.

He also insisted that work for a four-lane project, which will connect Gohpur on the north bank of the Brahmaputra with Numaligarh on the south bank beyond Kaziranga, should be stepped up to avoid traffic on NH-37, which connects Upper Assam with Central and Lower Assam, during floods.

Sivakumar said a committee, constituted by the state government last year, had already submitted its proposal to notify certain areas, which lead to Karbi Anglong hills, as animal corridors.

Ayodhya: Dates for bhoomi pujan sent to PMO

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

SHRI Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Turst on Saturday, sent a set of dates set for 'bhoomi pujan' for the construction of proposed Ram temple to Prime Minister's Office. The PMO would decide the dates on the basis of PM Narendra Modi's availability for the ceremony.

The decision of the dates, which were not spelt out to the media officially by the trustees, was taken at the crucial meeting of the temple trust in Ayodhya on Saturday. However, the key sources claimed that three dates — July 29, August 3 and August 5-were sent to the PMO to decided one of them and draw a programme for PM Modi's visit to Ayodhya to perform Bhoomi Pujan and lay the foundation stone for the Ram Temple. While briefing the media persons after the meeting, Trust General Secretary and senior VHP leader Champat Rai confirmed the news.

However, he claimed that the final date would be announced eight days ahead of the ceremony.

The meeting, held at Ayodhya circuit house, was attended by all 15 members including trust's chairperson Mahant Nritya Gopal Das of Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas. While 12 trustees were present in themeeting in Ayodhya, three trustees — SC lawyer K Parasaran, Shankaracharya Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati of Prayagaraj and Swami Vishwa Prasannathirthaji of Pejawar Math, Udupi — joined though video conferencing.

Sharing the details of the meeting, which continued for two and half hours, Champat Rai said that the engineers of Larsen & Tubero, developer for the proposed temple, were collecting soil samples from the Ram Janmabhoomi premises for testing.

"The plan for temple's foundation will be drawn on the basis of the strength of soil till 60 metre below the ground," said Rai.

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Champat Rai, Trust general secretary and senior VHP leader

NC, PDP slam move to notify strategic areas

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE National Conference (NC) and PDP have slammed the J&K government for giving nod to notify certain areas in the Union Territory as 'strategic areas' to allow construction requirement of armed forces.

NC spokesman Imran Nabi Dar said the amendment will undermine civil authority and turn the entire region into a military establishment.

Terming the government move as a 'remnant of a colonial era laws', Imran said in years to come, many civilian chunks could overnight be converted into such proposed 'strategic areas'. "Such a notification can change a disposition of a huge chunk of settlement overnight; hamper their economic activities and other dynamics of day to day life".

The government has given its nod to the proposal of amending the Control of Building Operations Act, 1988 and J&K Development Act, 1970 to provide for special dispensation for carrying out construction activities in Strategic Areas.

Manipur ADGP shoots self in office, critical

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

MANIPUR's Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) allegedly shot himself with his service pistol.

Arvind Kumar, the 1992 batch IPS officer was rushed to a hospital in state capital Imphal in a critical condition.

The incident occurred on Saturday at his office located within the First Manipur Rifles complex. He had allegedly shot himself at his chin and the bullet exited his head. Top officials of the police and civil administration visited the hospital on getting news about the incident.

Chief Secretary J Suresh Babu told journalists that although Kumar's condition was serious, he was responding to treatment. "He spoke to the doctors. Once his condition improves, he will be sent to Delhi (for treatment)," Babu said.

Earlier, Kumar had served in the Intelligence Bureau in New Delhi. He returned to Manipur and took charge on July 10. The police registered a case and investigation was on.

"I pray for Additional DGP (Law & Order) of Manipur Arvind Kumar, IPS, 1992 batch, Manipur cadre, formerly at IB as Joint Director, for his life as he is hospitalised in Imphal today. May God give strength to his friends and family members!" Congress spokesman Ningombam Bupenda Meitei tweeted.

He spoke to the doctors. Once his condition improves, he will be sent to Delhi (for treatment)
J Suresh Babu, Chief Secretary

People being punished for not wearing face masks during total lockdown imposed in Bihar | PTI

Covid-19: India's eight most vulnerable districts are in Bihar, says Lancet study

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

EIGHT of India's 20 most vulnerable districts to Covid-19 are in Bihar, with Darbhnaga topping the chart among the eight. Darbhnaga also reports maximum number of migration of labourers and is also one of the 15 most flood-prone districts of Bihar.

Bihar is witnessing an exponential growth of Covid-19 cases, with the state capital emerging as the hotspot of more than 3,245 positive cases and reporting 28 deaths so far.

According to a latest study carried out in The Lancet, a weekly peer-reviewed general medical journal, published on July 16, Bihar has been found to be the second most vulnerable state to the infection of the Covid-19 after Madhya Pradesh and Telengana.

The study was conducted by Rajiv Acharya, associated with New Delhi based Population Council, and Akash Porwal, titled 'A vulnerability index for the management of and response to the Covid-19 epidemic in India: an ecological study.' It claims to have assessed the indices of vulnerability on 15 indicators in socio-economic, demographic, housing and hygiene, epidemiological and health systems together.

The study shows Madhya Pradesh leading the overall vulnerability chart, while Sikkim has almost zero vulnerability. Arunachal and Himachal Pradesh come on the lower strata of assessed vulnerability to the effects of Covid-19. In Bihar, as per the study, Darbhnaga was found carrying the overall score of 1.000 vulnerability after UP's Sitapur district with overall 0.998 score of vulnerability.

Pictures expose Ranchi institute's Covid care

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

CORONAVIRUS patients lying on the ground due to broken beds and one of them sitting naked on the floor: these are the images of RIMS' isolation ward in Ranchi which have gone viral. CM Hemant Soren has ordered action for the institute's sorry state of affairs. Soren tweeted that the administration needs to be more sensitive towards people in distress.

The CM's response came after the images were tweeted by state BJP spokesperson Kunal Sarangi, who also tagged Chief Minister Hemant Soren and the Prime Minister's Officer, saying it is shameful that the images are of RIMS' Covid-19 isolation ward.

Soren has also directed Health Minister Banna Gupta to take cognizance into the matter and do the needful. "The government has changed in the state," tweeted the Chief Minister, adding: "Deputy Commissioner Ranchi, take immediate action after investigating the matter and inform."

A man is seen lying on the floor as the bed is broken | EXPRESS

Taking a swift action, Deputy Commissioner Chhavi Ranjan has constituted a medical team to look into the matter.

The matter came to light after a patient admitted to the Covid-19 isolation ward shared two images which are self-explanatory about the condition of the medical centre in Jharkhand.

The patient said he and many others had been admitted to the isolation ward which lacked care. "The arrangements are very poor," he said. "Such treatment with a Covid-19 patient, who is already undergoing mental pain, is really inhuman," said the patient requesting anonymity.

K'taka judge may become 1st woman CJI

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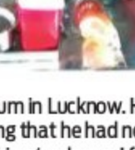
JUSTICE B V Nagarathna is the second senior-most judge of the Karnataka High Court after she was appointed in 2008 as an additional judge. She stands at serial number 46 in all-India seniority of high court judges.



Others under consideration include Punjab and Haryana High Court Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, Madras High Court Chief Justice A P Sahi, Delhi High Court Chief Justice D N Patel and Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Vikram Nath. If Justice Vikram Nath is appointed to the top court before Justice Nagarathna, he will take over as the CJI in 2027.

Only if Nagarathna is considered for elevation now, either alone or with judges junior to her, can she become the first woman CJI in 2027

Just 80 HC judges are women

There are 688 judges in high courts across India, of which 80 are women. Only one of them is currently the chief justice of a High Court— Justice Gita Mittal of J&K HC

J&K: Panchayat members to get ₹25L for death in terror violence

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN a view to strengthening grass roots democracy by providing a sense of security to the elected members of local bodies, the Jammu and Kashmir has approved an insurance cover of Rs 25 lakh to all the elected panchayat and Urban Local Body (ULB) members in case of militancy-related death.

This comes after a month when Congress sarpanch Ajay Pandita was shot dead by militants in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

"The Administrative Council (AC), which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, G C Murmu, approved life insurance cover of ₹25 lakh to all elected BDC chairmen, sarpanches, panches and all elected members of municipal bodies of Jammu and Kashmir in case of death due to a militancy related incident," an official spokesman said.

The life insurance cover will act as a guarantee for the subsistence of the family members of the elected representatives.

It will also ensure that their families do not face economic distress and poverty in case of any untoward incident and continue to fulfil basic needs of nutrition, education and health in adverse circumstances.

This has been a long pending demand of the elected panchayat and ULB members.

Many panchs and sarpanchs have been killed by militants in Kashmir.

Rare albino deer spotted in Saharanpur forest

An extremely rare species of deer — albino sambhar (a white deer) — was sighted at Sahansara beat of Shakumbhari range of Shivalik forest in Saharanpur recently. These albino Sambhar deer are rare and have been seen only in the Gir forest in Gujarat and other parts of the country. Albinism occurs when mutated genes from both parents pass onto newborns and that interferes with the production of melanin (main pigment that determines the colour of skin, eyes and fur) in the body. A six-month-long survey was conducted in Shivalik forest and 312 cameras were installed at 156 locations of the jungle to trap images.

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LUCKNOW DIARY

Migrants revive ancient pond in Hardoi

About 60 migrant labourers, who returned home during the lockdown, saved an ancient pond lying dilapidated in the Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh. With the help of the district administration, the 60 migrant labourers, along with 20 others, infused life into Suraj Kund, the crumbling pond which according to locals belongs to Treta Yuga- the era of Lord Rama. The pond is located in the Umrari Gram Panchayat. Several villagers are calling these migrants God's manifestation while some are calling them blessing in disguise. However, the transformation of the water body was not an easy task. District administration officials said it took a lot of effort, resources and patience in giving final shape to the pond.

BNA to stream three plays live on FB page

Taking a big technological leap, the prestigious Bhartendu Natya Akademi in Lucknow has decided to stage online plays based on the theme of corona from July 17 to 19. Three plays, being staged in the BM Shah auditorium, will be streamed live online on the official Facebook page of the institute. Prepared by students of the academy, these comedy plays are based on stories related to the Covid pandemic. The first play, When the Night Awakes, is written and directed by Sudipta Saha. The other two plays are called 'A Date with Corona' and ' Nirvasan Corona Kaal Mein'.

Former powerlifter sells 'vada-pav' for survival

Former international powerlifter Shatrughan Lal is an inspiration for many. Lal, who won 12 medals in international and more than 30 in national events, now coaches trainees at the Chowk Stadium in Lucknow. However, the corona pandemic is making him do something that he had never thought of. The 50-year-old has learnt the art of cooking 'vada-pav' from YouTube and is running a small roadside shop in the old city area. A silver medalist at the Senior Asian Championship, Lal is among the 400-odd ad hoc coaches on the state government's rolls, who have been facing a tough time for the last three months. They have received no payments in the absence of any sports events due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

100 mn

people could be pushed into extreme poverty due to the economic fallout of the virus, the UN said

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Doha	41	31	SNY	Moscow	22	13	LR
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Houston	33	23	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	29	20	LC	Toronto	32	21	TDS
London	19	11	LR	Washington DC	38	27	LC

Trump refuses to order Americans to wear face masks as cases surge

Covid-19 is once more blowing up at an exponential rate in US, death rate and hospitalisations are rising; Republicans oppose mask rules

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has said he would not order Americans to wear masks to contain the spread of the coronavirus, saying people should have a "certain freedom."

His comments came after Dr Anthony Fauci, the top US infectious diseases expert, appealed to state and local leaders to be "as forceful as possible" in getting people to wear masks in public places.

In a *Fox News Sunday* interview, Trump said, "I don't agree with the statement that if everybody wear a mask, everything disappears."

Commenting on the initial comments from top health officials, Trump said: "Hey, Dr Fauci said don't wear a mask. Our Surgeon General, terrific guy, said don't wear a mask. Everybody who is saying don't wear a mask, all of sudden everybody's got to wear a mask, and as you know masks cause problems, too."

Trump, who has been seen wearing a face mask only once, said, "I'm a believer in masks. I think masks are good."

But Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said social distancing, an important factor in blunting the spread of the coronavirus, can be difficult with more people going out.

"When you're living your life and trying to open up the country, you are going to come into contact with people. And for that reason, we know that masks are really important, and we should be using them everywhere," he said during a US Chamber of Commerce virtual event.

Americans are actually slowing down the re-opening the country by not wearing a mask, *CNN* quoted Fauci as saying during a US Chamber of Commerce event.

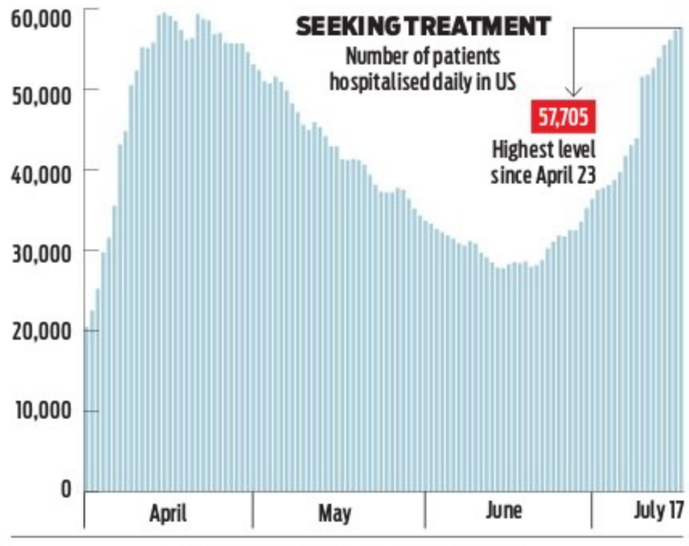
"If we could get more people to understand that, hopefully we'll get more people who'd be willing to wear masks," he said.

He said he would "urge the leaders -- the local political and other leaders -- in states and cities and towns to be as forceful as possible in getting your citizenry to wear masks."

The country needs to concentrate on the problems at hand and not worry about a second wave, he said.

"When you're having up to 70,000 new infections ... that's something you need to focus on right now, as opposed to looking at what's going to happen in September or October," he said.

There were 77,255 new cases reported on Thursday, crossing a previous record set two days ago, according to Johns Hopkins University.



Coronavirus spreads to new parts of country

The number of those hospitalised for the virus is at its highest level since April 23,as per The COVID Tracking Project.

The death rate, which plummeted in May and June, has been rising since last week. Florida, the new epicenter, posted more than 11,000 new cases and 128 deaths on Friday. Coronavirus is meanwhile spreading to new parts of the country including Idaho, Tennessee and Mississippi.

But New York, the original US epicenter where more than 32,000 virus patients have died, moved to further ease its restrictions after bringing its outbreak under control.

Trump's ratings have plummeted since the start of the pandemic. Only 38% of Americans approve of his handling of the crisis, against 51% in March, as per a *Washington Post* poll on Friday. *Agencies*

CIVIL RIGHTS ICON JOHN LEWIS DIES AT 80

John Lewis, the civil rights warrior who died Friday aged 80, excelled at what he liked to call "good trouble" -- standing up against racial injustice to forge a better United States.The African-American icon marched with Martin Luther King Jr., was nearly beaten to death by police, and later as a sitting congressman was arrested multiple times for protesting genocide or leading immigration reform sit-ins. Lewis was a sharecropper's son whose fights for justice helped define an era, and whose moral authority as an indomitable elder statesman left a permanent imprint in Congress.

OUTRAGE OVER ARRESTS BY FEDERAL AGENTS

Rights activists and lawmakers expressed outrage on Friday over reports that federal agents circulating in unmarked cars in the western US state of Oregon were grabbing and detaining protesters off the streets. "What is happening now in Portland should concern everyone in the United States," said Jann Carson, interim executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Oregon. "Usually when we see people in unmarked cars forcibly grab someone off the street, we call it kidnapping."

Twitter attack was work of young hackers: *NYT*

SAN FRANCISCO

DONALD Trump's Hackers involved in the high-profile hijacking of Twitter accounts earlier this week were young pals with no links to state or organized crime, *The New York Times* reported Friday.

The attack, which Twitter and federal police are investigating, started with a playful message between hackers on the platform Discord, a chat service popular with gamers, according to the *Times*.

The paper said it had interviewed four people who participated in the hacking, who shared logs and screenshots backing up their accounts of what happened.

"The interviews indicate that the attack was not the work of a single country like Russia or a sophisticated group of hackers," the *Times* reported. "Instead, it was done by a group of young people - one of whom says he lives at home with his mother - who got to know one another because of their obsession with owning early or unusual screen names, particularly one letter or number, like @y or @6."

The massive hack of high-profile users from Elon Musk to Joe Biden has raised questions about Twitter's security as it serves as a megaphone for politicians ahead of November's election.

"Based on what we know right now, we believe approximately 130 accounts were targeted by the attackers in some way as part of the incident," Twitter said in a tweet. "For a small subset of these accounts, the attackers were able to gain control of the accounts and then send Tweets from those accounts."

Posts trying to dupe people into sending hackers the virtual currency bitcoin were tweeted by the official accounts of Apple, Uber, Kanye West, Bill Gates, Barack Obama and many others on Wednesday.

Twitter said it appeared to be a "coordinated social engineering attack by people..." *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

25 mn Iranians may be infected: Rouhani

Tehran: IRAN'S president on Saturday estimated as many as 25 million Iranians could have been infected with the coronavirus since the outbreak's beginning, as he urged the public to take the pandemic seriously, the state-run IRNA news agency reported. President Hassan Rouhani cited a new Iranian Health Ministry study in offering the unprecedentedly high number of 25 million infections. Rouhani said that he believes an additional 30 to 35 million people could be infected in coming months, again without citing the basis for his estimate. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to enter into a Sale Deed in respect of Development Rights Certificate to be obtained by its owner **Sri. K.V. Naidu**, S/o Sri. K. C. Naidu R/a # Ground Floor, C, Dr. Groove Apartment, 1st Main Road, RMV 2nd Stage, Dollars Colony, Bangalore-560094, by relinquishing the land described in the schedule below.

Anybody having any charge, lien, interest, title or claim in the Development Rights Certificate to be obtained/the property relinquished, should lodge their objections in writing along with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such claim is received, my clients shall purchase the Development Rights Certificate as if no such claim exists or that they have been waived or abandoned

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The General public is hereby notified that our client **B.N.NIRUP KUMAR**, aged about 59 Years, S/o: Late A.B.Nagendraiah, R/at Jain Street, Bellur, Bellur Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District has negotiated to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule property and is investigating the title, described from its absolute owner **Rajendra Kumar Khare** S/o Dr.V.P.Khare an overseas citizen of India residing at New York City, United States of America, through his representative **N.R.MAHESH** aged about 40 years, S/o: Rama Rao.N.S, R/at Site No 28,29, Rama Rao Building, Nagasandra, Bangalore 560 073.

Any person/s Companies, banks, Financial Institutions etc asserting any right, claim, title or interest against the schedule property or the documents thereof, or against the owner of the schedule property by objecting to such transaction in favour of my client are called upon to lodge such claim or objections to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days of issuance of this public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with rights to the schedule property or any part thereof. If no such objections or claims are received within the said period, my client shall proceed to complete the aforesaid transaction on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROEPRTY

All that site bearing No 147 formed by the HMT Employees Co-operative House Building Society Limited, Nagasandra, Nellakdhirenahalli Village (in Sy Nos /1/3A, 48/1&2, 49, 50/2 to 5, 51/8, 52/1, 53/1 & 2, 54/1 to 10, 55/1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4 & 5, 56/1 to 4, 57, 58, 59/1 & 2, 60, 61, 62/1 & 2, 63/1 to 4, 64, 66, 67/3 of Nagasandra Village, and Survey Nos 5/11, 5/2, 6/7 to 10, 7, 8/1, 8/2, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 10/1, 10/2, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 12/1 to 5 & 13/1 of Nellakadhirenahalli Village, in all measuring 129 Acres 34 Guntas the entire areas now called as KRS Gowda Extension, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 60 Ft or 18.28 Meters and North to South 33+40/2 feet or 10.05 + 12.19/2 Meters in all 2190 Square feet or 203.27 Sq Meters and bounded as Follows

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Arson suspected over blaze at French cathedral

WASHINGTON

A fire ravaged parts of the Gothic cathedral of Nantes in western France on Saturday before being brought under control, sparking an arson investigation and leaving Catholic officials lamenting the loss of priceless historical artefacts.

The cathedral's 17th century organ was destroyed and its platform was in danger of collapsing, said regional fire chief Laurent Ferlay, but added the damage was not comparable to last year's devastating blaze at Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris.

Passers-by saw flames behind the windows of the Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul and alerted the emergency services just before 08:00 am (0600 GMT).

Roughly 100 firefighters rushed to the scene and managed to control the blaze at the Gothic structure, built between 15th and 19th centuries, said Ferlay.

Nantes prosecutor Pierre Sennes said the fire had started in three different places, meaning a judicial investigation for possible arson was opened, although no conclusions had yet been drawn.

Local Catholic official Father François Renaud, who oversees the cathedral, surveyed the damage with firemen on Saturday morning and told AFP the great organ had "completely disappeared", describing it as "an unimaginable loss". *AFP*

Fire fighters brigade work to extinguish the blaze at the Gothic St. Peter and St. Paul Cathedral in Nantes on Saturday | AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our client is considering to purchase lands bearing Sy. No. 49/1, Sy. No. 50/5, Sy. No. 56, Sy. No. 57, morefully described in the schedule below from the partnership firm of Canara Housing Development Corporation, having its office at No. 10/1, Ground Floor, Lakshminarayana Complex, Palace Road, Bengaluru- 560 052, consisting of the following persons as partners, Mr. P Dayananda Pai, Mr. P Satish Pai, Mr. A Abdul Rafeekh, Mr. Ramakrishna Nayak, Mr. K.N Yellappa, Mr. S.R Raghunath, Ms. Mohini D Pai, Ms. Sabitha Pai, Mr. H Jayawanth Shenoy, H Yashwanth Shenoy, Mr. Ashwin Pai, Mr. Ravindra Pai, Mr. A Ramakrishna, Mr. MS Mahadevaiah, Mr. Dev S Patel, P Dayananda Pai HUF, P Satish Pai HUF.

We are investigating the title of the said firm. If any legal entity, banks, financial institutions, companies, or any person whomsoever has any objections or claims to the schedule properties, they are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 10 days from the publication of notice together with copies of documents. If no claim is received within 10 days, our client will take it that there are no claims on the schedule properties and no objection to the sale of the same.

Schedule- A

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 49/1 measuring an extent of 1 acre 39 guntas and situated at Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by : Railway Line
West by : Sy. No. 50/3
North by : Sy. No. 50
South by : Sy. No. 32 & Govindapura Village

Schedule -B

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 50/5 measuring an extent of 4 acres 32 guntas and situated at Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

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West by : Sy. No. 51, 52, 53, 54, 56 and 57
North by : Sy. No. 50
South by : Sy. No. 23 and 32 of Govindapura Village

Schedule -C

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 56 measuring an extent of 38 guntas and situated at Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

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West by : Sy. No. 55
North by : Sy. No. 57
South by : Sy. No. 54

Schedule -D

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 57 measuring an extent of 1 acre 34 guntas and situated at Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

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South by : Sy. No. 55 and 56

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"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Description of the immovable / movable properties	Branch Name and Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price, EMD, Bid Increase Amount. & Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1)	**Borrower : Kishore Srinivas S/o Srinivas** **Co-Obligant : Mamalapalli Gayathri W/o Kishore Srinivas** Both R/at No.60, 3rd Cross, 1st Main Road, PNB Nagar KonanKunte, Bangalre-560064	Residential Flat No.106, B Block, First Floor, Pruthvi Royal Apartment situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Extent : SBA : 1194.48 Sq ft Undivided Share : 307.85 Sq ft Boundaries: East By : C Block, West By : Flat No.105, North By : Open to sky, South By : Flat No.107	Branch : Trinity Circle EVB A/c No. 133108351000701 – Rs.41,60,043.50 (Rupees Forty One lakhs Sixty Thousand forty Three and Paise Fifty Only) as on 15-07-2020 with further interest from 16-07-2020 along with costs and other charges A/c No. 133108351000708 – Rs.6,83,052.70(Rupees Six lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Fifty Two and Paise Seventy Only) as on 15-07-2020 with further interest from 16-07-2020 along with costs and other charges	20.08.2020 time 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm	Reserve price : 28,57,947.00 (Rupees twenty eight lakhs fifty seven thousand nine hundred forty seven only) EMD: 2,85,795.00 (Two lakhs eighty five thousand seven hundred ninty five only) Bid increase amount: Rs.25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 17.08.2020 Time: 05:00PM	Physical Possession	After 22.07.2020 10 am to 5 pm 8655401354
2)	**Borrower : Sampath K S/o Krishnamurthy** **Co-Obligant : Radhika S W/o Sampath K** Both R/at No.7/2,2nd Main Road, 13th Cross, Near Mulakattamma Temple,, Vittal Nagar Bangalre-560026	Residential Flat No.302, C Block, Third Floor, Pruthvi Royal Apartment situated at Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Extent : SBA : 1229.13 Sq ft, Undivided Share : 316.78 Sq ft Boundaries: East By : Corridor and Flat No.309, West By :B Block, North By : Open to sky and Flat No.303, South By : Flat No.301 Open to sky and Flat No.303 South By : Flat No.301	Branch : Trinity Circle EVB A/cNo. 133108351000717 – Rs.45,80,765/- (Rupees Forty Five lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven hundred Sixty five Only) as on 15-07-2020 with further interest from 16-07-2020 along with costs and other charges A/cNo. 133108351000729 – Rs.1,46,983/-(Rupees one lakh Forty Six Thousand nine hundred eighty threeOnly) as on 15-07-2020 with further interest from 16-07-2020 along with costs and other charges	20.08.2020 time 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm	Reserve price : 29,40,851.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs forty thousand eight hundred fifty one only) EMD: 2,94,085.00/-(Two lakhs ninty four thousand eighty five only) Bid increase amount Rs.25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 17.08.2020 Time: 05:00PM	Physical Possession	After 22.07.2020 10 am to 5 pm 8655401354
3)	**Borrower: Sathish K S/o Gopala** **Co-Obligant: Sandhya S S W/o Satisha K** Both residing at No. 72, 2nd Cross, Jai Bhima Nagar (South), Bangalore-560068 **Guarantor: Mohammed Hussain S/o Mohammed Nabhi** No.9, 3rd Cross, Near Venkateshwara Talkies, Vinobha Halli, Bangalore-560026	Residential Flat No.313, A Block, Third Floor, Pruthvi Royal Apartment situated at Gottigere Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk Extent : SBA: 812.70 Sqft, Undivided Share : 209.45Sqft, Boundaries: East By : B Block, West By : Corridor and Flat No.306, North By : Flat No.312 South By : Lift/Staircase	Branch : Trinity Circle EVB A/c No. 133108351000687 – Rs.29,01,179/-(Rupees Twenty Nine lakhs One Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) as on 15-07-2020 with further interest from 16-07-2020 along with costs and other charges A/c No. 133108351000696 – Rs.3,34,854.02(Rupees Three lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four and Paise Two Only) as on 15-07-2020 with further interest from 16-07-2020 along with costs and other charges	20.08.2020 time 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm	Reserve price : 27,86,748 (Rupees Twenty Seven lakhs eighty six thousand seven hundred forty eight Only) EMD: 2,78,675/-(Two lakhs Seventy eight thousand six hundred and seventy five) Bid increase amount Rs.25,000.00 (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 17.08.2020 Time: 05:00PM	Physical Possession	After 22.07.2020 10 am to 5 pm 8655401354
4)	**Integrated Healing Coliseum Hospital Pvt Ltd** **Office Address :** No 4 BM-403 Behind Titan World 4th B Main HRBR Layout Bangalore-560043 Regd Office at MRR Square 2nd Floor Suit 3 No 314Chikkabommasandra Cross, Yelahanka New Town Bangalore-560064 **represented by its Directors 1.Pankaj Nath Gupta**, residing at Flat No 7603 Prestige Monti Carlo, Ananthapura Gate Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064 **2.Santhosh K Jha,** residing at No 59 Thakurpukur M G Road Kolkatta - 700063	Flat No FF2 First Floor Property Id No 150200202100220501 named as Green Wood Apartment Site No 11 Khatha No 1496/1496/11 new Sy No 23/14 at Kadiganahalli Village Jalahobli Banlire North Taluk Bangalore.	Branch : H B R layout EVB Rs.1,30,68,988.09/-(One Crore Thirty Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand nine Hundred and Eighty Eight and Nine paise Only) as on 30.06.2020 with further interest from 01.07.2020 along with costs and other charges.	20.08.2020 time 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm	Rs. 50,00,000/-(Fifty lakhs only) EMD: Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) Bid Increase amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five Thousand Only) Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 17.08.2020 Time: 05:00PM	Physical Possession	After 22.07.2020 10 am to 5 pm Contact: 9591604224

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Tel No. _080-25011520.

Date: 19/07/2020, Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

$1 bn Tata Sons is considering fundraise to finance a fresh equity infusion into group firms, including Tata Motors and Tata Power, as per news reports

Microsoft cuts 1,000 jobs globally across multiple divisions

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

WASHINGTON-based software giant Microsoft is reportedly laying off 1,000 employees across its news, Cloud Azure service divisions globally even though its revenues shot up significantly in the third quarter of financial year 2020.

Sources privy to the development said India is also one of the impacted geographies where Microsoft has cut an unspecified number of roles. "The employees working at MSN office in Gurgaon, Noida, India, especially the ones on contract were asked to quit by June 30. This involved the news producer/editing jobs," one of the impacted employees told this publication requesting anonymity. MSN has, however, retained some key roles at its news divisions, he added.

According to a report by global news agency, AFP, Microsoft has cut 50 roles across its news division—MSN — globally as the tech giant plans to use artificial intelligence to power content on the news platforms in place of the news editors. The company employs 8,000 people across ten locations in India engaged in sales, marketing, customer services and support. Its Research and Development Centre in Hyderabad is the largest such facility outside the headquarters in Redmond, Washington. Nearly 46 per cent roles at Microsoft are of engineering. With a huge surge in unemployment across the globe following Covid-19, tech giants like Google, Microsoft and IBM had earlier pledged not to fire their employees.

2 YEARS IN 2 MONTHS

As Covid-19 impacted every aspect of work and life globally, Microsoft has seen two years' worth of digital transformation in two months of January-March quarter, said CEO Satya Nadella.

Meanwhile, the retrenchments at Microsoft follows its announcement to close brick and mortar stores across the US, Australia and Canada. On the back of a huge demand for Microsoft's video conferencing app, Teams, and Cloud azure services, its revenue for the January-March quarter of FY20 stood at $30.5 billion with a 59 per cent increase in revenue for Azure services. CEO Satya Nadella had earlier said Microsoft has seen a digital transformation of two years in just two months of pandemic.

How do trade deals fit in with Make in India?

Officials say that giving away free market access to the EU seems like a tall order now

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

POLICY makers are realising that their twin objectives of building high customs duty walls to stimulate a 'Make in India' program and carving out trade pacts with their largest trading partners such as the European Union and the US are often at variance.

According to top officials, the work that went into the Indo-EU summit held earlier this week was "an example of this ... they (EU) want tariff cuts and market access in return for trade concessions that we are looking at ... but giving anything away at this moment when the Indian industry is in recession and we are promoting Make in India, is near impossible." On realising this, perhaps, the European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen announced at the end of the summit that the two sides will be working towards a free trade agreement, though there is "still a way to go". Von der Leyen added any deal "needs to include our usual requirements in terms of public procurement, market access and, of course, sustainable development".

A key element in India's 'Make in India' initiative is to build tariff walls to deter competing imports of certain products such as automobiles and electronics, to give homegrown businesses a free ride in the domestic market.

Duties ranging from 15 to as high as 200-300 per cent are used as deterrents to competition, something that India's trading partners are unhappy about. However, policy makers have pointed out that the EU and US, too, have high duties and other hidden protection. "High subsidies such as in farming make it impossible for our farmers to compete against them without duty protection," said Prof Biswajit Dhar of JNU, a member of the Board of Trade. However, industries such as textiles and software which are anxious to reverse declining fortunes by improving market access to major markets such as the EU, US and Japan want trade deals to come through. Commerce Ministry officials said they were being lobbied in favour of a quick trade pact with the EU by domestic textile manufacturers. "The garments, textiles associations are in favour (of trade pacts)," said a top official.

> **High subsidies such as in farming make it impossible for Indian farmers to compete against the US and the EU without duty protection. Balance needs to be there while negotiating trade pacts**
>
> Prof Biswajit Dhar

India wants to start negotiating free-trade pacts with both Britain and the European Union now that their divorce has come through besides working out a preliminary trade pact with the US. Officials say they had been told to restart the on-again, off-again trade negotiations with the EU, which started in 2007, besides formally starting trade talks with Britain now that it was no longer bound by EU trade rules. Dhar added, "To negotiate these pacts, we need to be clear what we will get and what we will be giving away. Striking out the balance will be difficult given the troubled times our industry is going through. Our farmers also also need protection."

The problem in not doing anything is that foreign trade contributes about 43 per cent of India's GDP and exports have witnessed a massive fall of 36.71 per cent during the April-June 2020 period. A continued free fall would hit India's overall income levels besides hurting several key sectors.

NEWSCOPE

REVIVING THE ECONOMY: ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO STEPS BACK

GURBIR SINGH

SOME European nations, and even those in the East, have been remarkably successful in flattening the corona curve, and have clawed their way back to some degree of economic normalcy. Domestic and international flights have been resumed and so has limited levels of tourism. On the other hand, the US and India seem to be united in breaking all records in their inability to control the pandemic.

Both have been anxious to open up the economy, and in the process, they have either triggered new hotspots, or those areas that showed flattening of caseloads, have regressed once again. This new wave of frightening levels of Covid-19 infections now threaten to cancel the first baby steps of economic revival.

The earlier relatively unaffected US states of California, Texas, Florida and Arizona, which opened up, are now showing a huge spike in Covid-19 cases with ICUs and hospitals running out of beds. On Thursday, 77,000 new cases were reported, the highest daily jump so far. In India, as we approach another weekend, the health ministry has reminded us that we have joined the unflattering company of the US and Brazil of surpassing the one-million milestone of confirmed infections; and with a record 34,956 new cases in the last 24 hours on Friday morning.

OPEN AND SHUT

As Mumbai gains some control over the galloping pandemic, and has reduced deaths to less than 100 a day, the virus has gripped the outer Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). As Maharashtra began opening up from June 3 for 'Mission Begin Again' and people started travelling to work, a huge spike of fresh cases was noticed in distant suburbs like Panvel and Kalyan-Dombivili. Now, all the nine municipal corporations, excluding Mumbai, are in lockdown mode again for the past week.

Pune, which saw the start of the pandemic in India, is again back with a spike reporting nearly 25,000 cases till last weekend. A 10-day lockdown has been imposed and the municipal commissioner Shekhar Gaikwad, who favoured opening up, has been sacked. Bengaluru too, till recently was a study of exemplary handling of the infection; and then the city began opening up and the spike started with over 2,000 fresh cases being reported every day. Now it's in lockdown again.

These fresh rounds of lockdown have got the political class in Delhi worried. It is estimated that, despite all talk of 'opening up', as much as one-third of the population is back in lockdown shelving all plans for revival.

For instance, rating agency ICRA, which had earlier estimated GDP contraction for FY2021 at five per cent, has revised its forecast to a 9.5 per contraction based on the "spate of localised lockdowns in some states and cities, arresting the nascent recovery." The Nomura India Business Resumption Index, a weekly rating of power demand, labour participation, etc, fell to 66.8 for the week ended July 12 from 70.5 in the earlier week. The index shows the difficulty being faced by companies to restart, leading to slowing of power demand.

FINANCIAL CRISIS COMING

Economists and bankers have also been warning of a huge financial crisis exploding threatening any recovery process. Former Reserve Bank (RBI) Governor, Raghuram Rajan, at a recent conclave emphasised that the pandemic had so deeply damaged the economy that it cannot be thought of as a normal recession. "Households are going to be deeply starved with very low reserves. It is hard to imagine that many of them will start consuming after the initial bout of pent up consumption," he said.

The main impact is going to be on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the foundation of the economy. "With the pandemic, a significant portion will not survive." The former RBI chief, speaking at an event of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), predicted banks were heading into an unprecedented rise in bad debts, and that their non-performing assets (NPAs) are going to be at unmanageable levels in six months from now.

The conclave also saw a presentation by Prachi Mishra, chief India economist at Goldman Sachs, who argued that the fiscal support claimed by the government to be 10 per cent of the country's GDP or ₹20 lakh crore, was hugely overestimated. The math showed it was actually 1.8 per cent of GDP or ₹3.6 lakh crore, lower than not only advanced economies, but many emerging market economies as well.

There's no quick fix to business units going bankrupt and folding up, but what the central and state governments can do is not to impose lockdowns indiscriminately and widely. Clusters of Covid infections can be detected, and those areas isolated. Localised action is needed rather than mass lockdown to serve the economy better. We have to balance containment of the virus with opening the economy if millions are not to be driven to starvation.

FDI INFLOWS

US pumps over $40 bn into India this year

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

With Google's latest investment in India, the US Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India has crossed $40 billion for this year, says US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF).

According to Mukesh Aghi, president of USISPF, which keeps a track of the major US FDIs, the rise in FDI reflects a growing confidence of American companies in the country.

"Investors' confidence in India is high. India still remains a very promising market for global investors. If you look at the $20 billion, not just the US, but (investment) has also come from other geographies such as the Middle East and the Far East. Year to date investment from the US, including the recent ones, is over $40 billion," Aghi said.

In the recent weeks alone, the announcement of FDI into India has been over $20 billion, he said, referring to the announcements made by some of the top companies like Google, Facebook and Walmart. "So, India still remains a very, very bullish market for the investor community," he added.

The USISPF has been working with New Delhi to bring in FDI into India, playing a key role in encouraging American companies that are planning to move their bases out of China, Aghi said, adding that the move gained momentum during the coronavirus pandemic. Earlier this week, Larry Kudlow, the White House Economic Advisor, told reporters that the US tech giants announcing big investments in India shows that people are losing trust in China and India is emerging as a big competitor.

Business & Beyond

CRWC celebrates Foundation Day

Central Railside Warehouse Company Limited (CRWC) celebrated its 13th Annual Day on July 10, 2020. On this occasion, CRWC MD, N K Grover extended his warm greetings to Sudhanshu Pandey, secretary (Food and PD), Ministry of Consumer Affairs and the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

SAIL posts net profit of ₹2,022 cr in FY20 despite challenges

State-run Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has earned a Profit Before Tax (PBT) of ₹3,170.66 crore leading to Profit After Tax (PAT) of ₹2021.54 crore in the financial year 2019-2020. The company posted a profit despite the challenging market conditions including the onset of coronavirus pandemic. Turnover was ₹61,024.88 crore and its EBITDA per tonne of saleable steel improved to ₹,7869 in FY20. Besides, SAIL achieved the best-ever annual sales at 14.23 million tonnes.

Eastern Central Railway inaugurates SAMAGRA mobile app

The Samastipur division of East Central Railway in Bihar has developed a passenger and employee friendly app called "SAMAGRA"(Samastipur Mandal App for General Railways Assistance) to provide information related to journey as well as other passenger services. General Manager of ECR, LC Trivedi dedicated the app through virtual meeting from the Hajipur-based headquarter of zone on July 14 and lauded Samastipur division for this initiative.

HDFC BANK Q1 PROFIT UP 20% ON ROBUST INTEREST INCOME

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE lender HDFC Bank on Saturday reported a substantial 20 per cent rise in its standalone net profit for the quarter ended June 30.

According to documents filed with the stock exchanges, the bank posted a net profit of ₹6,658.62 crore against ₹5,568.16 crore in the corresponding period of last year. The profits were primarily driven by an increase in its interest income, with net interest income growing by 17.8 per cent to ₹15,665.4 crore. Total income grew from ₹32,361.84 crore last year to ₹34,453.28 crore.

The rise in interest income has been, in turn, pushed along by a sharp rise in advances and deposits both, the bank said. Total advances grew by 20.9 per cent while deposits grew by a faster 24.6 per cent. Meanwhile, gross non-performing assets (NPAs) fell to 1.36 per cent of the gross advances.

EXPRESS READ

IKEA decides to down shutters once again

Hyderabad: IKEA, the Swedish home furnishing major, informed that it is temporarily shutting Hyderabad retail facility from Saturday to implement additional safety measures amid the current coronavirus crisis. It has also sent mails to customers about the temporary closure of the outlet without mentioning when it will reopen. However, the mail further added that its online store will continue to remain open for shoppers.

Govt sets up single window for aviation

New Delhi: The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has set up a single-window clearance mechanism to expedite various investment proposals in the domestic aviation industry. "MoCA has an Investment Clearance Cell (ICC) for prompt assistance and clearance," the ministry said in a tweet on Saturday. The setting up of the ICC was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in 2020-2021 Union Budget in February this year, as per MoCA.

Trident Q1 profit down 92% to ₹10 cr

New Delhi: Trident Ltd on Saturday reported 91.7 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹10.11 crore for June quarter due to COVID-19 led disruption. The company posted a net profit of ₹122.43 crore in April-June 2019-20, Trident said in a BSE filing Revenue from operations was down 46 per cent to ₹708.54 crore as against ₹1,312.15 crore in the year-ago period. As a result of lockdown, volumes of April and May took a hit.

AGR dues: Voda Idea pays ₹1,000 cr ahead of hearing

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

VODAFONE Idea on Saturday disclosed that it has paid the government another ₹1,000 crore toward the ₹58,000-odd crore Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues. The telco's payment comes just ahead of a crucial Supreme Court hearing in the matter on July 22.

The apex court is currently considering whether to grant the the Department of Telecom's (DoT) petition to allow Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea to pay their remaining dues in installments spread over 20 years. With revenues and margins decimated over the past few years funding a cut-throat price war between the incumbents and Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio, neither Vodafone Idea nor Airtel is in a place where they can comfortably shell out their entire AGR dues in one-go.

While Airtel has managed to raise enough capital over the past three quarters to withstand the cash outflow such a payout would require, Vodafone Idea has warned that it will face bankruptcy in such a scenario. Vodafone, Airtel and Tata group (Tata Teleservices) are the most impacted by the last year's SC verdict which widened the definition of AGR to include non-telecom revenues too. Since AGR is the basis on which levies like Spectrum Usage Charges and License Fees are calculated, the SC asked liable telcos to pay pending dues with over ₹1.47 lakh crore in dues. Vodafone, Airtel and Tata group (Tata Teleservices) owe ₹58,254 crore, ₹43,890 crore and ₹16,798 crore respectively. Including Friday's disclosure, they have so far paid ₹7,854 crore, ₹18,004 crore, and ₹4,197 crore.

> **In line with the above, (Vodafone Idea) has yesterday (i.e. 17 July 2020) paid a further sum of `1,000 crore to the DoT towards the AGR dues**
>
> Vodafone Idea

Considering the dire straits the industry finds itself in, the DoT has approached the SC with a proposal to allow telcos more time to pay dues. While the bench is considering the matter, it had also asked the impacted telcos at the last hearing to "make payments of reasonable amount also to show their bonafides, before the next date of hearing".

"In line with the above, (Vodafone Idea) has yesterday (i.e. 17 July 2020) paid a further sum of ₹1,000 crore to the DoT towards the AGR dues," the telco said in a statement.

ECB nod for Archer inclusion in third Test

Jofra Archer will be available to play in next week's third and final Test against West Indies after being ruled out of the second match for a breach of coronavirus protocols, ECB announced. The Barbados native is undergoing five-day isolation at Old Trafford, and will have to give two Covid-19 tests. The second day of the second Test saw no play due to rain.

Mandatory camps not call of the hour

Shooters and coaches feel NRAI should reconsider decision as travelling is risky at this moment

THE perils and complexities of conducting national camps during pandemic were vivid while assembling the boxers in Patiala earlier this month. It has been over two weeks now, there is no sign of training as yet. Instead, an inquiry has been set up to check if there was a possible breach of protocol by three pugilists (who subsequently left the camp) and Sports Authority of India officials in NIS Patiala. A doctor who is part of the camp too tested positive. Three coaches had to undergo a fresh round of Covid-19 tests. And the wait for boxers and the coaching staff for the camp to start seems endless now.

Paradoxical it may sound, but amidst all these, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) sent out a press release on July 16 announcing a national camp at Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi on August 1. Attendance was made compulsory. What is baffling is that a well-organised sports federation had sent out a release without intimating the shooters or coaches. And making it mandatory only added to the woes. Just to complicate matters, the federation is not recognised by the sports ministry due to a Delhi High Court order.

The coaches and shooters are perplexed with this decision too. First of all, they have not heard anything from the NRAI officially. They feel the decision to force 34 core group Olympic shooters to attend a camp at a time when travelling is risky has put them in a dilemma. The NRAI wants shooters to stay in a quarantine-style facility at Manav Rachna University in Faridabad, Haryana, where Covid-19 restrictions are different from Delhi. Though they are taking solace in the fact that the NRAI has not told them officially, some are harbouring hopes of a postponement or at least making it not mandatory as of now.

Like a coach pointed out, there are no competitions in the next couple of months, so there was no need to rush into calling shooters in such a short notice. The shooters have been asked to undergo Covid-19 tests which might be difficult because, apart from exposure, each state has its own testing protocol. Some don't test without symptoms. Also, travelling for shooters with guns and ammunition is always tricky and will leave them more exposed in airports than ordinary travellers. Yes, training must start but not in a hurry as most shooters have access to some kind of range and they have already started practising.

The SAI is more focussed on sorting out the boxing issue than hosting another camp. They have not got in touch with any of the shooters and at least as of now, there is no plan to even make it mandatory.

Not just shooting, even other NSFs like wrestling, table tennis, cycling are eager to start camps, but no federation is rushing it.

BCCI has to deposit ₹4k crore to challenge Deccan Chargers verdict

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

ORDERED to cough up a massive compensation to the tune of above ₹4,000 crore, the BCCI is likely to go to court against the arbitrator's decision to deem the termination of Deccan Chargers' IPL franchisee contract unlawful. As a first step, BCCI has to deposit the amount it has been asked to pay.

A similar verdict awarded to Kochi Tuskers Kerala by an arbitrator in 2017 was challenged by BCCI. That arbitration was also about terminating the franchisee contract and the amount was ₹550 crore subject to increase with time if not paid. According to estimates, it's above ₹800 crore now and the BCCI is still to pay it.

Although there are indications that the BCCI will go to court against the Deccan Chargers verdict, it's not official at the moment. "Arguments in this arbitration closed in 2018. We don't know enough about it to comment. We have to study the order and get in touch with our legal team before deciding whether to challenge this in court," said BCCI treasurer Arun Dhumal, who became an office-bearer with Sourav Ganguly and Jay Shah in 2019 October.

According to UN Banerjee, former chief legal advisor of BCCI, one can go to court against an arbitrator's order. But in this case, the BCCI will have to first deposit the amount it has been asked to pay. "One has to secure the amount stated in the arbitrator's order before appealing against that decision in the court which appointed the arbitrator," said Banerjee.

This means the BCCI will either have to deposit ₹4,000-odd crore (the compensation it has been asked to pay) in Bombay High Court or furnish a bank guarantee for the same amount before it can start arguing against the arbitrator's order.

A key member of the late Jagmohan Dalmiya's legal team which won a number of cases related to BCCI matters, Banerjee added that the board did not pay heed to his advice when the Deccan Chargers case came up. "It was in 2015 and I said the BCCI should appeal against the appointment of the arbitrator on the grounds of bias. But the BCCI did not listen to me." Shashank Manohar was the board president at that time.

EXPRESS READ

Tommy Haas serves to Jan-Lennard Struff (unseen) during the Bett1Aces tennis event at Hangar 6 of the former Tempelhof airport, Berlin, on Saturday | AFP

Complainant Gupta MPCA member no more

NEW DELHI: Sanjeev Gupta, who had filed conflict of interest complaints against the country's top cricketers, has quit the life membership of the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association. Gupta had recently filed a conflict of interest complaint against India captain Virat Kohli, stating that he is a director in a sister concern of an organisation that manages his commercial interests.

Pole for Hamilton in Budapest, Bottas 2nd

BUDAPEST: Lewis Hamilton beat Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas to take pole position for Hungarian Grand Prix. It was Hamilton's second straight pole this season and a record-extending 90th of his Formula One career. Sebastian Vettel and teammate Charles Leclerc were fifth and sixth. Both the drivers were around 1.3 s than Hamilton, who was beaten 7-5 for pole positions by Leclerc last year.

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

James pat on back for EPL crusaders

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

FORMER England goalkeeper David James, who represented eight English clubs and played for over two decades in the English Premier League, says he has never seen anything like what is happening in the league these days.

He is referring to the sight of players kneeling in support of the Black Lives Matters movement. It started when the league resumed in June and has continued since.

"When we came back to playing or watching Premier League, I had a feeling it was only gonna last for that first week or so and then it would be an obligation achieved. But the fact that it's still going on, is a great testament to the momentum. The most important thing is that this is something that the players wanted to do," James told this daily from London.

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David James, former England goalkeeper

"The league has resisted any kind of, dare I say political stands, with regards to backing or dismissing anything. The closest I got is wearing a poppy for Remembrance Day, but that's not a political thing. So, for the league to allow what essentially is a political slogan and (get) the backing of players or request them is also very significant."

The movement has found support from almost the entire world of sport, right from F1 to cricket, with the likes of Lewis Hamilton championing the cause.

James says he also wants to use his status to bring about a change in society. "When you are in a position of influence, if you are a sports star, then you have some influence over your followers. I'm saying this because I'm doing this myself. I've spoken to the London Mayor's office about how I could help them in dealing with some of these issues. It is a case of, I'm a guy who played football and still gets recognised by it. If there is some way that you can use me, to help the issue, then I'm all for it," said James.

The former Kerala Blasters coach wants to focus on equality. He cites the example of Thangboi Singto, his assistant at Blasters, to drive home his point.

"I've always fought for equality in every department. Going back to India, one of the things that got me with the ISL is why an Indian coach is not allowed to manage an ISL team. It's ridiculous. Thangboi was with me in Kerala and I tried to get him to do more than he wanted to do because I didn't want it to be where foreign guys come over and tell you how to play football in India. The equality there was for Thangboi to be equal in everything we did and not just because he was an Indian who happened to be there because of the league rules," he said.

MYSURU CITY CORPORATION
Office of The Executive Engineer (Ele)
New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru -570004

Short-Term Tender Notification-08

(Through GoK e-procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer (Ele), Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru invites tenders for Supply and installation of Solar Home light across Mysuru city corporation under S.F.C (24.10) and Corporation Grant (24.10) of the year 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 for the welfare of Schedule Caste and Schedule tribes from eligible bidders through e-procurement. Bids can be submitted through e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **22.07.2020** onwards. Pre-bid meeting : **28.07.2020 at 11.30 am** in the above mentioned office. Last date for submission of bids **06.08.2020**. Opening of bids: **07.08.2020**. Further details may be obtained from the above o'ffice.

Your's Faithfully
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru

DIPR/MYSURU /SHIRDISAI/294/2020-21

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LTD.
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

TSSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of **a)** 8 mtrs/140 kgs PSCC Poles to Mahaboobnagar circle, **b)** 8 mtrs/140 kgs PSCC Poles to Nalgonda circle, **c)** 8 mtrs/140 kgs PSCC Poles to Siddipet circle, **d)** 9.1 mtrs/280 kgs PSCC Poles to Nalgonda circle, **e)** 9.1 mtrs/280 kgs PSCC Poles to Siddipet circle, f) 100 KVA Distribution Transformers with BIS EEL-3, **g)** 63 KVA DTR Level 3 and **h)** Reclamation of 150KL muddy Transformer Oil on e-procurement platform.
For further details, please visit **www.tssouthernpower.com** and **www.tender.telangana.gov.in,**
Phone: 040-23431026, 1033 **Sd/- (U.Bala Swamy),**
R.O. No.: 750-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21 **Chief General Manager (P&MM)**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
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ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಚೇರಿ, ವಿದ್ಯಾನಗರ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-580 021

ಸಂ:ಕಿಮ್ಸ್/ಎ.ಬಿ-ಎಆರ್‌ಕೆ/96/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.07.2020

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work :** Supplying and stacking of ballast at Kundapura ballast depot, loading into KRCL hoppers for CTR (P) works under the jurisdiction of Senior Regional Engineer, Karwar region of Konkan Railway. **Tender Notice No.:** KR-W-01-58-2020-05. **Estimated Cost :** Rs. 554.54 Lakhs, Excluding GST. **Completion Period :** Nine months including monsoon. **Closing Date/Time :** 10.08.2020 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **www.ireps.gov.in** website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/TR/(M)/RMGC/EEE(O)/AEE-1/F-33/2020-21/1313-17 Date: 17-07-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites **bids against Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/TKH Security/EPR188 dtd.15-07-2020** for providing Security Services (3 No's Security guards) to 220/66/11kV T.K. Halli Receiving station in TL&SS, Division, T.K. Halli coming under jurisdiction of Transmission (Maintenance), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru.

• Amount put to tender : **Rs. 7,91,571/-** • EMD amount to be paid: **Rs. 11,874/-** • Last Date & Time for receipt of Bids: **02-08-2020 upto 16:00 Hrs.**

The Bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **"https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in"** on Hyperlink **"e-procurement-KPTCL"** on or after **16:00 Hrs, 20-07-2020.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele),
Transmission (Maint), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL,
Vrushabavathi Valley Station, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 39

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
P.B. No. 1, P.O. Yelwal, Mysuru-571 130

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Tender No.BARC/MYS/ADMIN/02/2020

Online (e-tender) tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the President of India by the Chief Administrative Officer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Yelwal, Mysuru from the reputed agencies/Contractors of Karnataka State who have carried out similar and required magnitude of work:

Name of the work	Supply of Data Entry Operators (Skilled/Clerical) for providing clerical assistance for works like data entry in computer, movement of files, typing, printing and despatch of various letters and documents, filing of papers arithmetical checking of bills, maintenance of various registers etc.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 34,74,000/- (Rupees Thirty four lakhs seventy four thousand only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 69,480/- (Rupees Sixty nine thousand four hundred eighty only)
Period of Contract	Two years
Tender Sale Period	From 20.7.2020 to 31.7.2020 (11.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.)

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site www.tenderwizard.com/dae and www.barc.gov.in.

Chief Administrative Officer
For & on behalf of President of India

Government of Karnataka
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
No.FD 01 BMB 2020 Date:17.07.2020

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. Aggregate Amount : **Total Rs.2000 Crore (Rs.1000 Crore-7 Year Tenure) and Rs.1000 Crore -8 Year Tenure)**
2. Method of Issue : **By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. Date of auction : **July 21, 2020**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bangalore. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

DIPR/BU/12/MCA/2020-21

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT SURGEON, DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DHARWAD
PHONE NO: 0836-2741277, 0836-2748374
E-mail ID: dsdharwad@gmail.com, dsdharwad-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

NO: DHDWD/Tender/LMO/37/2020-21IND-4080 Date: 18-07-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The District Surgeon, District Hospital, Killa Road, Dharwad invites tenders from eligible tenderers, in two cover system for the works detailed in the below table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http//eproc.Karrnataka.gov.in). Tender Submission : on or before 27-07-2020 up to 5 pm as per rule 28 of KTPP Act 1999 & 2000.

Tender document & other details may be downloaded from above mentioned website.

S. N.	Name of the Hospital/Consignee	Description of Work	Qty.	EMD (In Rs.)
01	District Surgeon, District Hospital, Dharwad	Design, Supply, Commissioning & Installation Of Liquid Medical Oxygen System Setup Along With The Pipeline Requirements Mentioned As Per Technical Specifications (including Civil Works)	01	Rs. 40,000/-

For further clarification please contact District Surgeon, District Hospital, Dharwad
Sd/- District Surgeon, District Hospital, Dharwad

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
OFFICE OF CE/RE & APDRP (D), SHED NO:F2, SHAKTI VIHAR, PATIALA
Mobile No. 96461-22227, Fax No. 0175-2224168 Email Id: ase.std@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tenders are invited for initial site survey, planning and subsequent execution of project for restructuring of overhanging existing HT/LT Lines for Rainik Bazar, Jalandhar under Smart City Project on Turnkey Basis against Tender Enquiry No. 57/CE/RE & APDRP/2020-21 DATED 17.07.2020

Downloading of Specification / Tender documents from e-tendering website	**Start Date**	**21.07.2020**
	Closing Date	**18.08.2020 up to 2400 hrs**
Date & time up to which tenders shall be received		**19.08.2020 up to 11:00 AM**
Date & time of opening of tenders		**19.08.2020 up to 11:30 AM**
Cost of Specification		Can be downloaded free of cost from online tendering portal **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/**

- Detailed NIT and Specification may be downloaded from e-tendering website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**
- The prospective bidders may contact customer care of above cited website in case of any difficulty.
- **CORRIGENDUM** if any will not be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on e-tendering website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

Dy.CE/RE&APDRP (D).
297/C-231/2020-17.07.2020 **For CE/RE&APDRP.**
DPR/I/51298/2020 **PSPCL, Patiala.**

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy BHABHA Atomic Research Centre
Projects(Mysore)-Civil Section
Post Bag no.1.Yelwal, Mysore -571130
Telephone:0821-2406401/2406664/2402312 /Fax:0821-2403064 **Date: 17.07.2020**

CORRIGENDUM - I

Ref: Tender No: BARC/MYS/CES/01/2020-21
Name of Work: Civil maintenance works for a period of one year including masonry, carpentry and plumbing works for BARC Residential townships at Yelwal, Kuvempunagar and Lakshmipuram, Mysuru.
Please note the following changes in the above referred tender no.

NIT Reference	Description	Mentioned in the NIT	Modified Description
Page No 2, Point No vii	Dates for Request for purchase / Download of Tender Document (excel / word formats)	From 29.06.2020 (11:00 Hrs.) to 09.07.2020 (17:00 Hrs.)	From 20.07.2020 (11:00 Hrs.) to 27.07.2020 (17:00 Hrs.)
Page No 2, Point No ix	Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders.	13.07.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)	30.07.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)
Page No 2, Point No x	Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment towards Tender Processing Fee and EMD	On or before 16.07.2019 (15:00 Hrs.) at OIC Project (Civil Engg), Building No.2 office.	On or before 05.08.2020 (15:00 Hrs.) at OIC Project (Civil Engg), Building No.2 office.
Page No 2, Point No xi	Date and time of online opening of Part 1.	17.07.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)	06.08.2020(15:00 hrs)
Page No 2, Point No xii	Date of opening of Part 2 of qualified bidders.	27.07.2020 (Tentative date)	17.08.2020 (Tentative date)

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
For and on behalf of President of India

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy BHABHA Atomic Research Centre
Projects(Mysore)-Civil Section
Post Bag no.1.Yelwal, Mysore -571130
Telephone:0821-2406401/2406664/2402312 /Fax:0821-2403064 **Date: 17.07.2020**

CORRIGENDUM - I

Ref: Tender No: BARC/MYS/CES/10/2020-21
Name of Work: Civil maintenance works in various buildings at BARC Plant site, Mysore for a Period of one year
Please note the following changes in the above referred tender no.

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Chief Engineer
For and on behalf of President of India

EXFILE

Covid-19 pushed Webb Telescope launch to Oct 2021

NASA has postponed the launch of its $10 billion James Webb Space Telescope from March next year to October 31, 2021, blaming the pandemic and other technical challenges. We take a look at one of the world's most complex space observatory

The James Webb Space Telescope is a large infrared telescope

TESTS COMPLETED

Last week, NASA assembled the telescope into its final form and testing teams performed a critical software and electrical analysis on the entire observatory as a single, fully connected vehicle

Comprehensive Systems Test or CST was the first full systems evaluation that was run on the assembled observatory and one of the final first-time activities the team performed

Similar performance evaluations have been completed in Webb's history, using simulations and surrogates to infer data about pieces of the spacecraft that had not yet been assembled

LARGE TELESCOPE

The James Webb Space Telescope is a large infrared telescope

6.5-METRE PRIMARY MIRROR

TELESCOPE TO STUDY HISTORY OF OUR UNIVERSE

The Webb telescope will study every phase in the history of our Universe, ranging from the first luminous glows after the Big Bang, to the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets, to the evolution of our Solar System

OLD NAME

The Webb telescope was formerly known as the 'Next Generation Space Telescope' (NGST). It was renamed in September 2002 after a James Webb who served administrator of the US space agency from 1961 to 1968

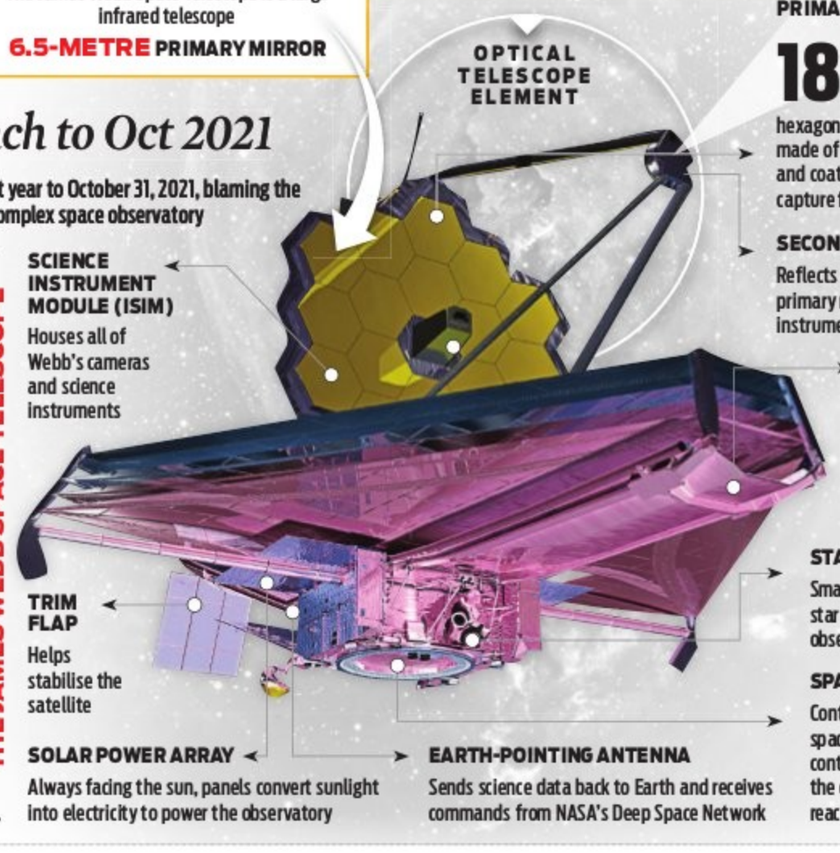
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Webb is an international collaboration between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA)

NOVEL FEATURES

Webb's biggest feature is a tennis court sized five-layer sunshield that attenuates heat from the Sun more than a million times. One instrument on the telescope — NIRSpec — has programmable microshutters, which enable observation up to 100 objects simultaneously.

THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE



PRIMARY MIRROR

18 hexagonal segments made of metal beryllium and coated with gold to capture faint infrared light

SECONDARY MIRROR

Reflects gathered light from the primary mirror into the science instruments

SCIENCE INSTRUMENT MODULE (ISIM)

Houses all of Webb's cameras and science instruments

MULTILAYER SUNSHIELD

Five layers shield the observatory from the light and heat of the Sun and Earth

STAR TRACKERS

Small telescopes that use star patterns to target the observatory

TRIM FLAP

Helps stabilise the satellite

SPACECRAFT BUS

Contains most of the spacecraft steering and control machinery, including the computer and the reaction wheels

SOLAR POWER ARRAY

Always facing the sun, panels convert sunlight into electricity to power the observatory

EARTH-POINTING ANTENNA

Sends science data back to Earth and receives commands from NASA's Deep Space Network

COVID SYMPTOMS CLASSIFIED INTO 6 TYPES

Findings may help doctors predict who is most at risk of the coronavirus, yet-to-be peer reviewed study claims

MACHINE LEARNING

LONDON: Scientists have claimed that there are six distinct 'types' of Covid-19, each distinguished by a particular cluster of symptoms in patients, findings, if validated, can help physicians better diagnose and monitor those infected with the novel coronavirus.

The yet-to-be peer reviewed study, published in the *medRxiv* preprint platform, used a machine learning algorithm to analyse data from a subset of around 1,600 users in the UK and US with confirmed Covid-19, who had regularly logged their symptoms using the app in March and April.

It analysed if particular symptoms appeared together, and how this was related to the progression of the disease.

According to the scientists, led by those from King's College London in the UK, the findings have major implications for the clinical management of Covid-19 patients.

They said the research can also help doctors predict who is most at risk and likely to need hospital care in a second wave of coronavirus infections.

The study noted that patient symptoms can fall under one of the six following categories: 'flu-like' with no fever, 'flu-like' with fever, gastrointestinal, severe level one with fatigue, severe level two with confusion, and severe level three accompanied by abdominal and respiratory pain.

In the first category of patients who reported 'flu-like symptoms with no fever, the scientists said the manifestations included loss of smell, muscle pains, cough, sore throat, chest pain, but no fever.

According to their analysis, those in the second category had headache, loss of smell, cough, sore throat, hoarseness, fever, and loss of appetite, and those in the gastrointestinal symptoms cluster had a combination of headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, diarrhoea, sore throat, chest pain, but no cough.

Under the 'severe level one with fatigue' category, the scientists said patients reported loss of smell, cough, headache, fever, hoarseness, chest pain, and fatigue, and those with the level two of severity expressed these same symptoms with the addition of loss of appetite, sore throat, confusion, and muscle pain.

In the most severe category, the study noted that patients experienced headache, loss of smell, loss of appetite, cough, fever, hoarseness, sore throat, chest pain, fatigue, confusion, muscle pain, shortness of breath, diarrhoea, and abdominal pain.

According to the research, all people reporting symptoms experienced headache and loss of smell, with varying combinations of additional symptoms at various times.

It said some of the manifestations, such as confusion, abdominal pain and shortness of breath, are not widely known as Covid-19 symptoms, yet are hallmarks of the most severe forms of the disease.

The scientists also analysed if people experiencing particular symptom clusters were more likely to require breathing support in the form of ventilation or additional oxygen.

They discovered that only 1.5 per cent of people with cluster one, 4.4 per cent of those with cluster two and 3.3 per cent in cluster 3 required breathing support.

For clusters four, five, and six, the researchers said these figures were 8.6, 9.9, and 19.8 per cent respectively.

Nearly half of the patients in cluster six, according to the study, ended up in hospital, compared with just 16 per cent of those in cluster one.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Skype's iOS app 'blurred'

NOT FOR ANDROID

Global communication platform Skype's mobile app for iPhones and iPads has been updated with a new screen-blurring feature similar to the background blur in Microsoft Teams. While Skype now supports background blurring on PC, iOS and iPadOS, there is no word yet on Android support. However, the feature has been available on the desktop version of Skype for a while, reports *The Verge*. One can download the latest version of Skype for iPhone or iPad and enable background blur within the video call options. Microsoft is using Artificial Intelligence to blur everything in a room around the user and keep the user as the main focal point.

Bullstop to end trolling

ANTI-BULLY APP

Computer scientists have launched an app, 'Bullstop' that uses novel artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms to combat trolling and bullying online. The downloadable app is the only anti-cyberbullying app that integrates directly to social media platforms to protect users from bullies and trolls messaging them directly, the scientists from Aston University in the United Kingdom, reported. Bullstop is available for free and can now be downloaded on GooglePlay. "This application differs from other apps because the use of artificial intelligence to detect cyberbullying is unique in itself," said Semiu Salawu, who designed Bullstop.

Blood test to detect Covid-19 in 20 minutes

RAPID IDENTIFICATION

SYDNEY: Australian researchers have been able to detect positive Covid-19 cases using blood samples in about 20 minutes and identify whether someone has contracted the virus.

The research team developed a simple agglutination assay —an analysis to determine the presence and amount of a substance in the blood — to detect the presence of antibodies raised in response to the SARS-CoV-2 infection.

The researchers at Monash University in Australia were able to identify recent Covid-19 cases using 25 microlitres of plasma from blood samples, the study, published in the journal *ACS Sensors*, reported.

"This simple, rapid and easily scalable approach has immediate application in SARS-CoV-2 serological testing, and is a useful platform for assay development beyond the Covid-19 pandemic," said study researcher Banaszak Holl.

The researchers said that positive cases of Covid-19 cause an agglutination or a clustering of red blood cells, which is easily identifiable to the naked eye. While the current swab/PCR tests are used to identify people who are currently positive with Covid-19, the agglutination assay can determine whether someone had been recently infected once the infection is resolved.

The findings could help high-risk countries with population screening, case identification, contact tracing, confirming vaccine efficacy during clinical trials, and vaccine distribution.

MUSTERING BIRDS

Asian openbill storks perch on a tree branch in West Bengal's Birbhum district on Saturday | PTI

FB's new section to debunk corona myths

FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

NEW DELHI: Facebook has announced that it will launch 'Facts About Covid-19' — a dedicated section — on its social media platform next week to limit the spread of misinformation about the pandemic. The section is likely to be launched on Tuesday.

It will debunk common myths that have been identified by the World Health Organisation (WHO) such as drinking bleach will prevent the coronavirus or that taking hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) can prevent Covid-19.

"This week we are launching a dedicated section of the Covid-19 Information Center called Facts about Covid-19," the company said in a statement.

"This is the latest step in our ongoing work to fight misinformation about the pandemic," the statement added.

To help keep everyone safe and informed, the company is putting alerts at the top of the Facebook app and Instagram to remind people to wear masks.

Insta to roll out Reels in US in Aug

TIKTOK-LIKE FEATURES

SAN FRANCISCO: Instagram is aiming to roll out its video-music remix feature Reels, which offer TikTok-like functions, first in the US and followed by 50 other markets in early August.

A Facebook spokesperson did not provide a specific date for the US rollout, but did confirm that it was going to be launched in other countries as well in August, *TechCrunch* reported.

Earlier this month, Instagram announced the extension of the testing of Reels to India. With Reels, users can share 15-second videos with their followers on Feed and, if they have a public account, make their reels available to the wider Instagram community through a new space in Explore.

Google's emoji shortcuts bar

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Witnessing a steep rise in the emoji use worldwide, Google has rolled out a quick access emoji bar in Gboard beta version, which would be available to all Gboard Android users in the coming months. The new emoji shortcuts bar in Gboard will appear right above the keyboard. With the emoji bar, users would be able to quickly use multiple emoji without having to switch to the dedicated emoji page on the keyboard. In the current Gboard version, the users need to tap on the emoji icon next to the spacebar in order to open the emoji page. According to Google, there has been over 40 per cent rise in the use of emoji during the shelter-in-place and social distancing times as people now have more emoji options than ever before. Last year, Google sent a proposal focused on introducing more empathetic expressions and finding opportunities to bring equity to the keyboard to the Unicode Consortium, the nonprofit organisation that maintains emoji standards and guidelines.

FAKE MEDICINE

Bolivians turn to toxic disinfectant to get rid of novel coronavirus

CHLORINE DIOXIDE

COCHABAMBA: Long lines form every morning in one of the Bolivian cities hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic as desperate people wait to buy small bottles of chlorine dioxide, a toxic bleaching agent that has been falsely touted as a cure for Covid-19 and myriad other diseases.

The rush in the city of Cochabamba to buy a disinfectant known to cause harm to those who ingest it comes even after the Bolivian Health Ministry warned of its dangers and said at least five people were poisoned after taking chlorine dioxide in La Paz, the capital.

Dr. Antonio Viruez, who is treating the five at a hospital, said one incorrectly believed he had Covid-19 and developed pneumonitis, an inflammation of lung tissue, after taking chlorine dioxide and a medication used to treat parasite infestations. The other patients are improving, he said.

"The Health Ministry cannot risk recommending something that doesn't have a scientific basis," said Miguel Angel Delgado, a senior ministry official.

However, Bolivia's opposition-controlled congress is promoting the use of chlorine dioxide. Last week, the Senate approved a bill authorising the emergency "manufacture, marketing, supply and use of chlorine dioxide solution for the prevention and treatment of coronavirus."

A man shows bottles of chlorine dioxide he purchased in Cochabamba, Bolivia | AP

The bill would require the approval of interim President Jeanine Anez, who is in quarantine after testing positive for the new coronavirus. She has sparred with opposition lawmakers loyal to Evo Morales, the former leader who was forced to resign last year after an election marred by irregularities.

Many fearful residents in Cochabamba, where opposition support is strong, are giving chlorine dioxide a try. Cochabamba has reported about 440 deaths from Covid-19 or one-quarter of the total number of reported deaths in Bolivia. The real toll is believed to be higher.

"I am afraid. I have to try it," said Andres Poma, a 34-year-old teacher who is sceptical that beleaguered health services can help him if he gets sick. "What am I going to do? Wait to die at the door of the hospital or at the door of my house?"

Chlorine dioxide is one of a number of fake cures that have been promoted, often by fringe groups online, since the pandemic began.

In April, a federal judge in South Florida ordered a Colombia-based group, the Genesis II Church of Health and Healing, to stop selling a related product, Miracle Mineral Solution, in the US.

Prosecutors said Genesis marketed the solution as a treatment for Covid-19, autism and other ailments.

The US Food and Drug Administration has previously issued public warnings that MMS can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and severe dehydration.